【村田真哉】murata shinya

この世は弱肉強食。
自分が生きるため、争い、傷付け、殺す。
これは生物である以上、ごく当たり前の事です。
しかしそれが「他者を受け入れられない」という
意思の弱さからくるものであってはなりません。
これは人間である以上、ごく当たり前の事です。

【いぶりシンセン】iburinsen

お手に取って頂きありがとうございます。
今回様で何とか一巻分揃く事ができました。
まだまだ拙い点ですが楽しんで頂ければ幸いです。

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SQUARE ENIX.

赤父と暮らしている高校生・アリスは守められて過ごしている。
ある日、アリスは「蜘姉」と呼ばれる殺し屋に赤父が殺されるのを目撃する！
気を失ったアリスが目覚めた先は「蜘蛛」の自宅だった…。
そして、身内もいないアリスは「蜘姉」によって殺し屋として育てられることに…！

ARACHNID
原・村田真哉 作画・いふじシンセン

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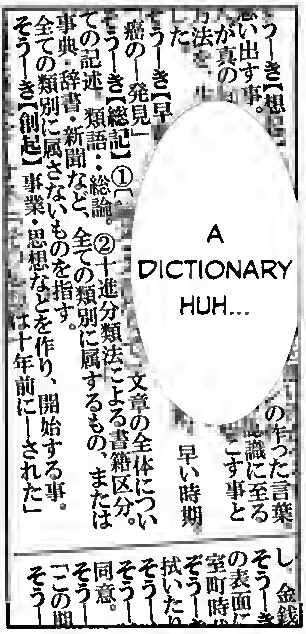
HE'S YOUR AVERAGE PUNK THAT BORROWED THREE MILLION FROM A LOAN SHARK.
YOUR NEXT TARGET IS *FUJII YOSHIO*.
THAT'S SHIDEMUSHI'S JOB.
カリッ
カリッ
HOW WILL I CLEAN UP AFTER-WARDS?
DEAL WITH BOTH OF THEM
HE ONLY HAS ONE RELATED DIRECT RELATIVE HIS NIECE
AH...
IT'S YOUR SPECIALTY, RIGHT, *KUMO*?
IT'LL BE FINE IF YOU JUST CONCENT-RATE ON KILLING
...CONCENT-RATION IS MY SPECIALTY.

第1話：No Choice But To Kill

HEY, HEY..!
ALICE.
WHAT'CHA THINKING ABOUT?
UHH... FUJII ALICE..?
YOU GIRLS LEFT ME OUT OF THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS HUH...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT HER.
YOU REAP WHAT'CHA SOW, EH?
GOT TEASED TOO MUCH?
OR COULD IT BE 'CAUSE OF HER FAMILY AGAIN?
SHE'S SLACKING OFF AGAIN, ISN'T SHE?
THAT "BOOK" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
WHAT? WHAAAT?
YOU'RE LYING IF YOU DIDN'T SEE HER ALL CONFUSED READING THAT BOOK

IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO USE IT, HUH...
GAH, THE HECK'S THIS
IT'S AWFUL.


A DICTIONARY HUH...

Alice!
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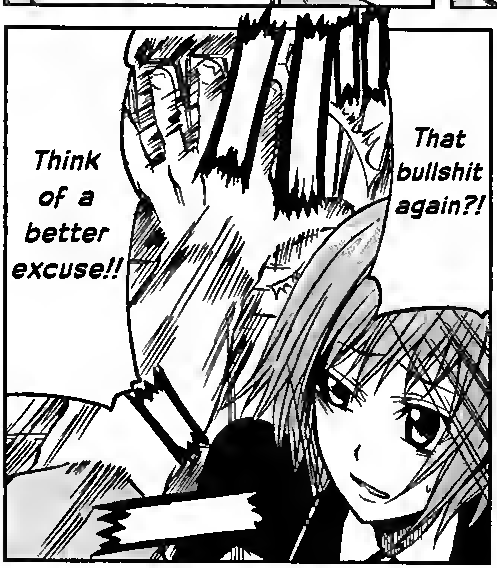
Alice!!

Alice!!
Can't you hear me?!
Oi!
U-UNCLE...
AH...
It just won't chck no matter how many times I call you, huh?!

Huh?!
What would I do if I starved to death?!

...the city will stop giving me child support!
Bitch, if you don't seriously start going to school...


Think of a better excuse!!
That bullshit again?!

IT'S 'CAUSE YOUR DAUGHTER HAS THAT CONDITION—

I... NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I JUST SEEM TO GIVE UP...
S-SORRY... UNCLE...

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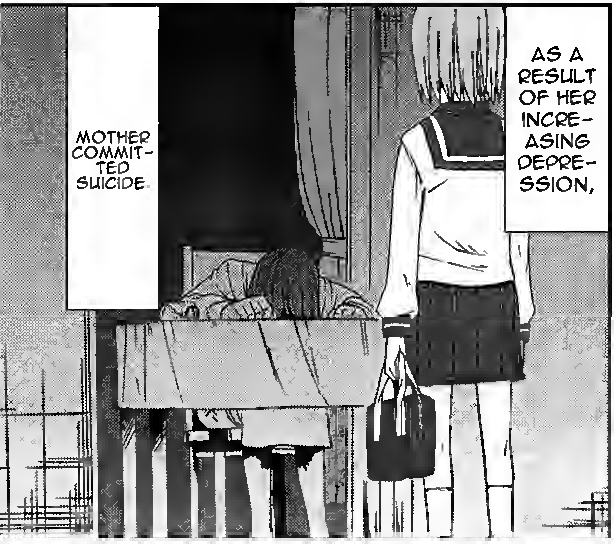
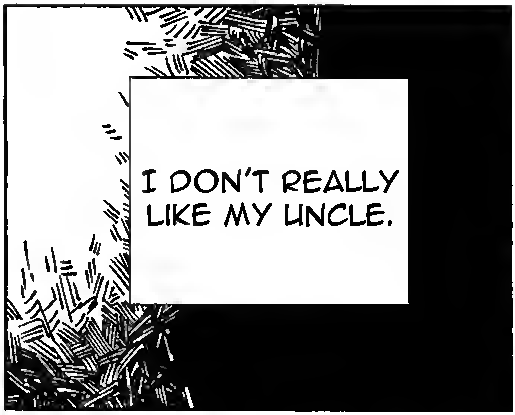
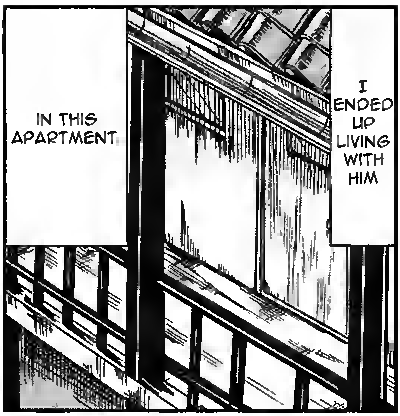
HUH?!
.. WASN'T THAT WHERE YOUR MOTHER'S ANXIETY CAME FROM?


MOTHER COMMIT-TED SUICIDE
AS A RESULT OF HER INCRE-ASING DEPRE-SSION,

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR,

...I NOW BASICALLY RELY ON MY SOLE RELATIVE, MY UNCLE...
IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME THAT MOTHER DISAPPEAR-ED AND SUDDENLY I BECAME ALL ALONE...


I DON'T REALLY LIKE MY UNCLE.


IN THIS APARTMENT.
I ENDED UP LIVING WITH HIM

...IF HE FORCES ME OUT, I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO TO.
I HONESTLY DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THIS PLACE, BUT...

IF HE DOESN'T LIKE SOMETHING I DO, HE SHOUTS AND BEATS ME.
TO MAKE HIMSELF HAPPY, HE SAYS BAD THINGS ABOUT MY MOTHER AND ANYONE ELSE I CARE ABOUT.

THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT HOLD IT OFF...
NOW,

YOU'RE ALSO BECOMING
I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU SOME SERIOUS MANNERS.
MY OLDER SISTER SPOILED YOU TOO MUCH
A BIG GIRL NOW, HUH
EH...
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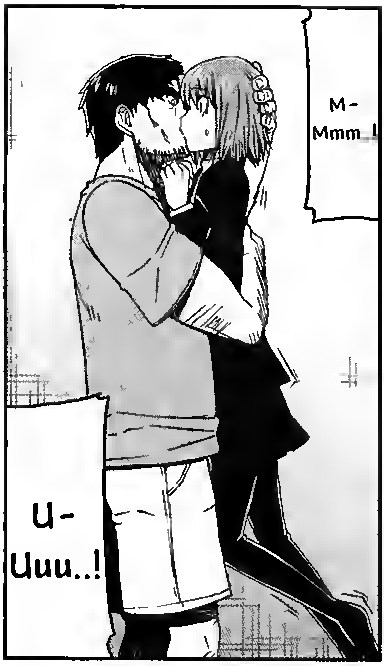
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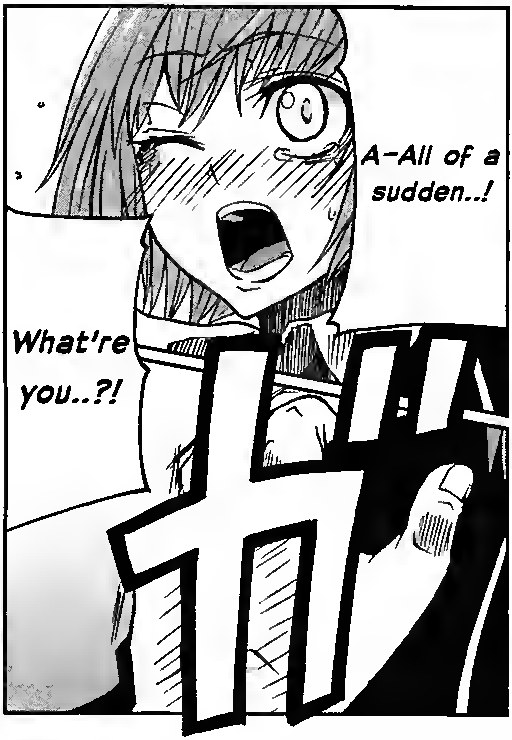
A-All of a sudden..!
What're you..?!

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Ah-
Stop!!
Stop...
DON'T MAKE SUCH A FUSS.

I'll kill you.
.....
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キーコーン
YOU'LL BE A BIG GIRL NOW...
THAT'S RIGHT.

NOISY PEOPLE...
WHO IS IT?!
SHIT...
DON'T YOU DARE RUN.
WELL, WHATEVER YOU TRY AND DO ANYWAY,
APART FROM HERE,
YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO GO TO, HUH?

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Uuu...
IF...
IF I DON'T RUN FOR IT...
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THIS WON'T WORK.
IF I'M GOING TO GET AWAY...
. I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT FORCE MY WAY THROUGH...
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YOU THE NIECE?
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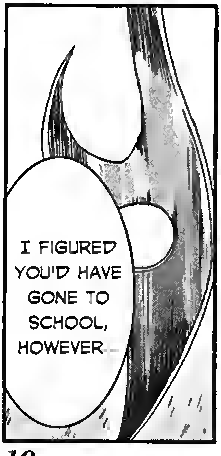
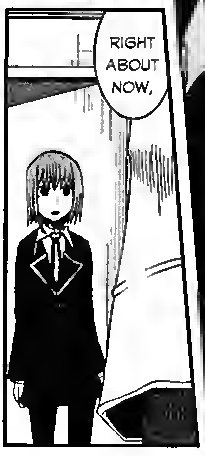

I FIGURED YOU'D HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL, HOWEVER...


RIGHT ABOUT NOW,

.....
WHA?
...YOU SAVED ME A LOT OF TIME.
...DID IT?
WHO'S HE..?
THAT GUY...
WHAT'S THIS..?
...ME?
NEXT IS...
I'M NEXT..P
BLADE?
WHAT'S THAT..P
IT LOOKS PAINFUL...

I'M NEXT...
THIS SITUATION...
...I'LL BECOME LIKE HIM...
I'M NEXT..!
WHAT DO I DO..?
..I WON'T BE ABLE TO
IF I DON'T RUN...
I'M NEXT...
WHAT DO I DO?!

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ドクン
HE WILL KILL ME...
ドクン
WHAT CAN I DO...
WHAT CAN I DO TO SAVE MYSELF..?
ドクン

WHAT CAN...
...I DO..?

!?
ドクン
BEFORE YOU KILL ME...
She dodged it..?!
She...

...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YOU..!
All of a sudden, the look in her eyes...
...and even the atmosphere, changed...
This can't be...
She..!

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Gah-
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Haaaa...
Haa...
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Haaaa...
Haaaa...
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YO.
YOU WOKE UP?
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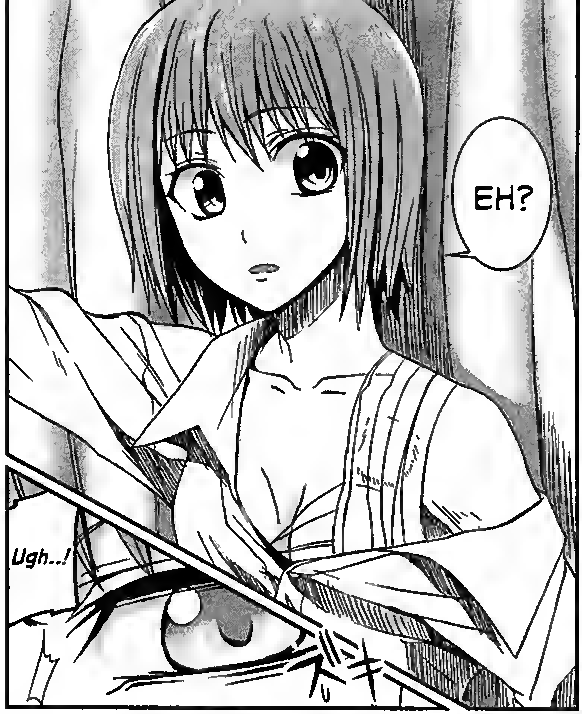
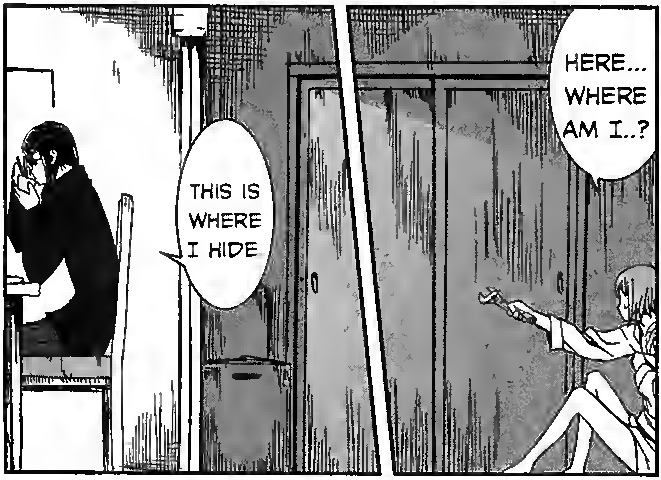
CALM DOWN.
HAA..
HAA..


EH?
Ugh..!

IT'LL STILL HURT.

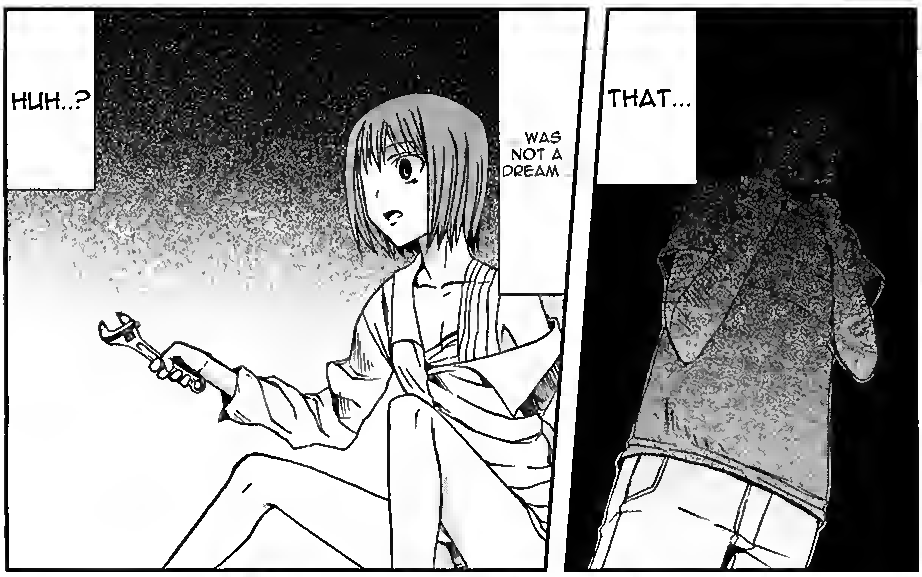

HERE... WHERE AM I..?
THIS IS WHERE I HIDE

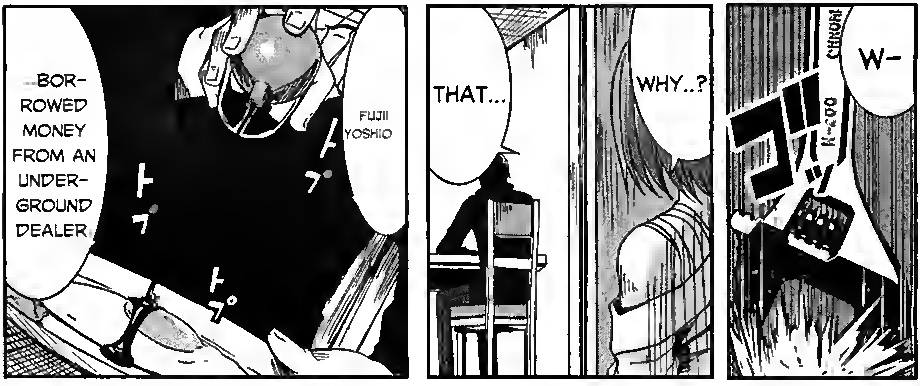
WELL,
SEEMS YOU PICKED UP A MINOR INJURY FIGHTING ME. HUH...

JUST WHO...
...ARE YOU?!

CODENAME *ARACHNID*. I AM AN ASSASSIN.
MY NAME IS KUMO.
.....
ASSASSIN... UM...
...DON'T THEY ONLY APPEAR IN BOOKS..?
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.
HOWEVER,
YOUR UNCLE...

...NO LONGER EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.
ALREADY...


HUH..?
WAS NOT A DREAM
THAT...


...BORROWED MONEY FROM AN UNDERGROUND DEALER
FUJII YOSHIO
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THAT...
WHY..?
W-
CHIRORI

HE SOLD IT TO THE ORGANIZATION
FUJII WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DEALT WITH THIS ILLEGAL MONEY, SO AFTER HE DID THAT,
—THE ORGANIZATION.
THAT SUM OF MONEY,
CONSISTED OF MORE THAN 100 MILLION.
THEY MAKE A LIVING SELLING THESE ON A LARGE SCALE.
...KILLS PEOPLE WITHIN FAMILIES AND STEALS THEIR FAMILY REGISTERS AND CITIZENSHIPS.
THE CORPSE IS ALSO LONG GONE.
IN ACTUALITY, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.
HOWEVER,
FUJII YOSHIO WAS ON YOUR FAMILY REGISTER.

COMPLETELY GONE.
.....
PLEASE LET ME GO...
...BACK TO MY HOUSE.

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO?
THERE ISN'T A TRACE OF FUJII YOSHIO'S EXISTENCE LEFT.
THAT HOUSE IS ALREADY CONSIDERED VACANT.

That...
...That's fine! Just let me go back!
I want to go back!!
I CAN'T DO THAT.
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FOR YOU...
...I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO.

THE REASON WHY I CAN'T LET YOU DIE,
IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A VALUABLE BODY.
P-
PLEASE LET ME GO BACK.
LET ME GO BACK.
Let me...
Go bac-
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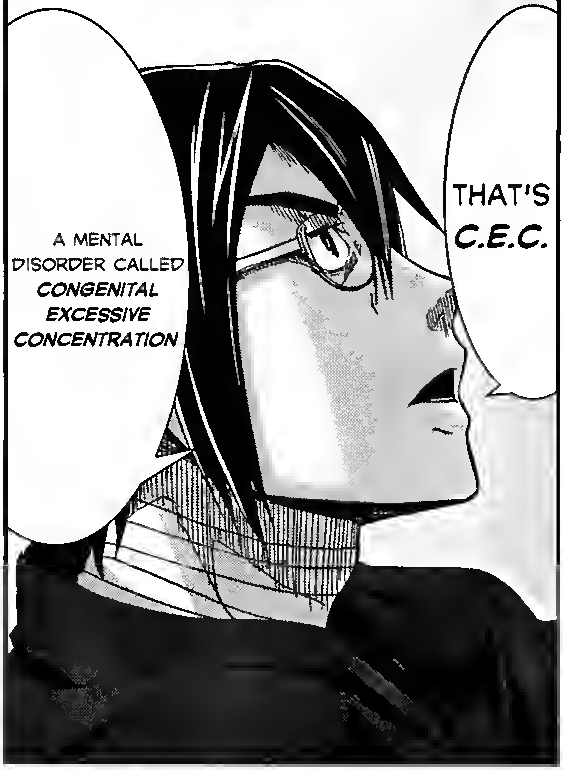
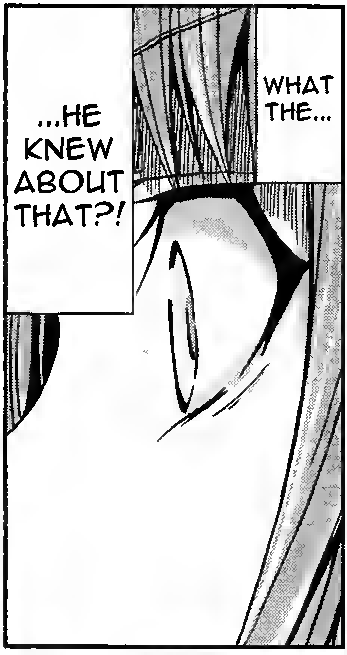
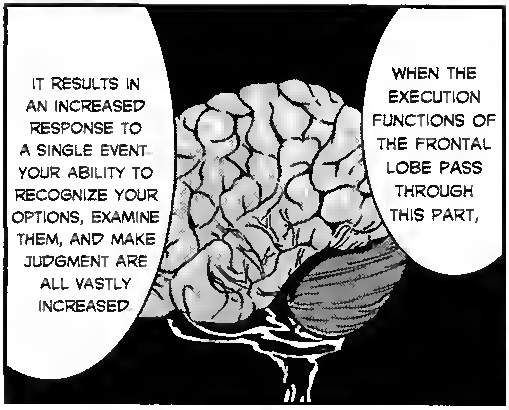
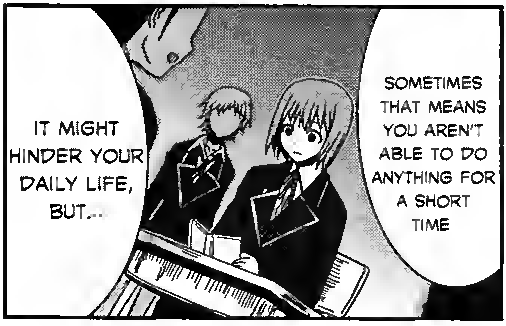
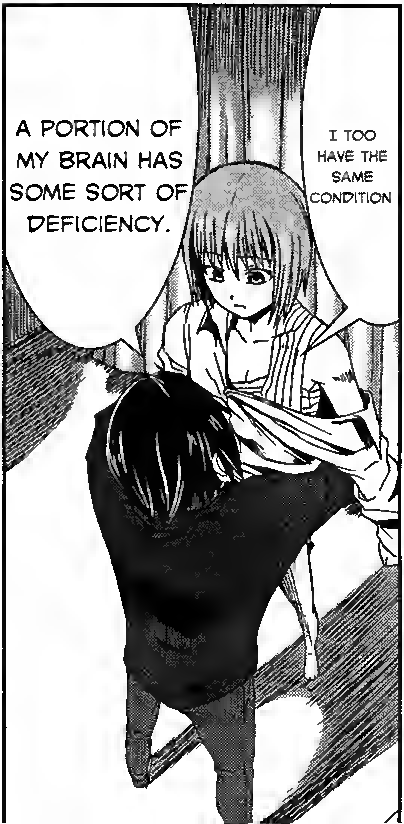
Ahh..!
Gah..!
WAKE UP, ALICE.
Guh-
AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP LIVING WITH THAT CRITICISM.
THAT MAKES OTHERS THINK YOU ARE DULL, OR EVEN STUPID.
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU AREN'T PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS
YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT EVERY-THING.
THIS GUY...
T-
AM I WRONG?


A MENTAL DISORDER CALLED *CONGENITAL EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATION*
THAT'S *C.E.C.*


...HE KNEW ABOUT THAT?!
WHAT THE...


IT RESULTS IN AN INCREASED RESPONSE TO A SINGLE EVENT. YOUR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR OPTIONS, EXAMINE THEM, AND MAKE JUDGMENT ARE ALL VASTLY INCREASED
WHEN THE EXECUTION FUNCTIONS OF THE FRONTAL LOBE PASS THROUGH THIS PART,


IT MIGHT HINDER YOUR DAILY LIFE, BUT...
SOMETIMES THAT MEANS YOU AREN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING FOR A SHORT TIME


A PORTION OF MY BRAIN HAS SOME SORT OF DEFICIENCY.
I TOO HAVE THE SAME CONDITION

If you could control it...
...it would become a great power.
LEARN THE METHOD OF CONTROLLING THAT HERE.
AND THEN, WITH THAT POWER,
IF YOU HAVE ANYBODY YOU WANT TO GET RID OF,
SINCE IT'LL BE THE END OF THEM, JUST GO ALL OUT.
YOU WANT TO, DON'T YOU,
ALICE..?
I...

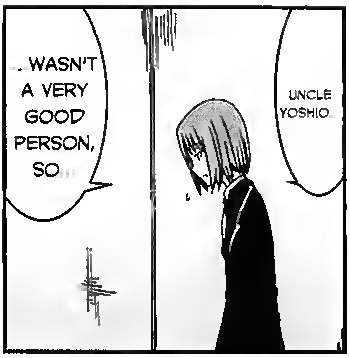
IS THAT SO?
.....
...wanna!!
I don't...
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
Ah-

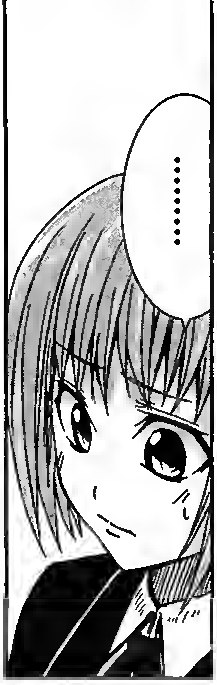
THEN I CAN ONLY KILL YOU NOW
...TSK.
QUICKLY EAT SOME FOOD.
WE'RE LEAVING
WHERE?
WE'RE LEAVING
TO MY BOSS.

THEN, YOU JUST NEED TO TAKE BACK YOUR FAMILY REGISTER.
YOU ARE TO KILL THE ORGANIZATION'S ASSASSIN

IN HERE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RELEASE IT ALL.

ERM,
ASSASSIN-SAN,
WHAT IS IT?
I WILL MAKE HIM PROMISE YOUR SAFETY.
FIRST, I WILL COMMUNI-CATE WITH MY BOSS.
GRATEFUL FOR WHAT?
GRATE-FUL?
I DON'T THINK I'VE SHOWN YOU JUST HOW GRATEFUL I AM...
THAT...
LIKE HEALING MY WOUNDS. AND THIS NEW UNIFORM OF MINE...
LOTS OF THINGS!
OI.


UNCLE YOSHIO...
. WASN'T A VERY GOOD PERSON, SO...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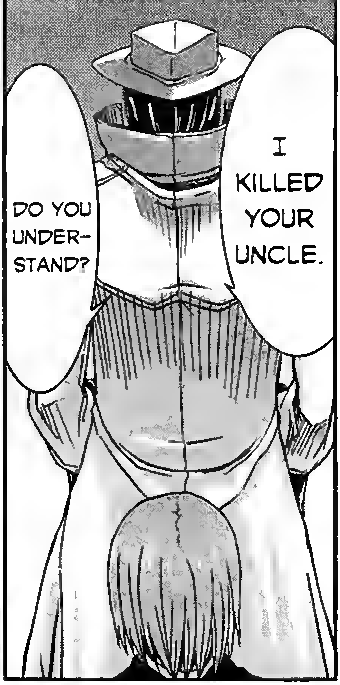
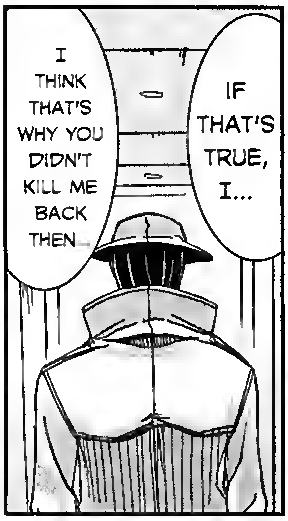
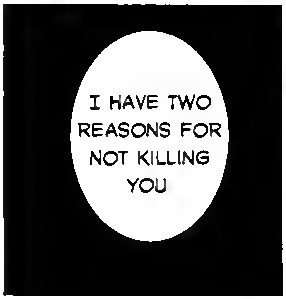
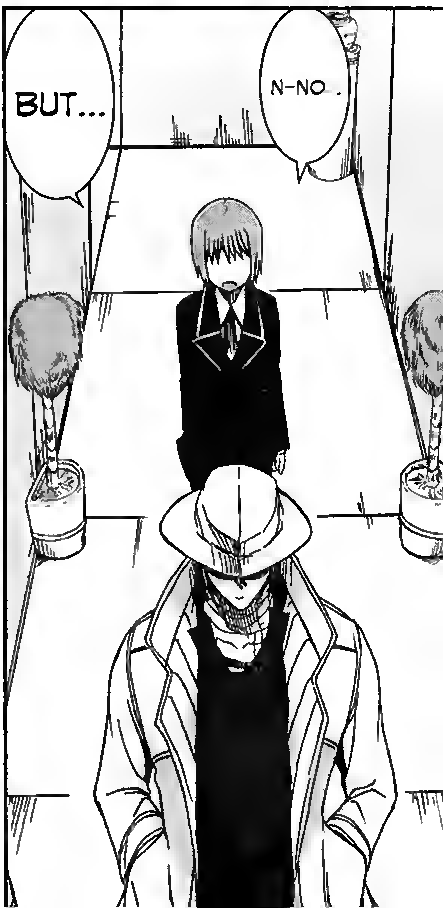

I KILLED YOUR UNCLE.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

SO IF HE WASN'T A GOOD GUY,
IT WOULDN'T MATTER TO YOU IF HE DIED?


IF THAT'S TRUE, I...
I THINK THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T KILL ME BACK THEN...


I HAVE TWO REASONS FOR NOT KILLING YOU

YOU...
..I CAN'T SEE YOU AS ONE OF THE BAD GUYS, SO..


N-NO.
BUT...

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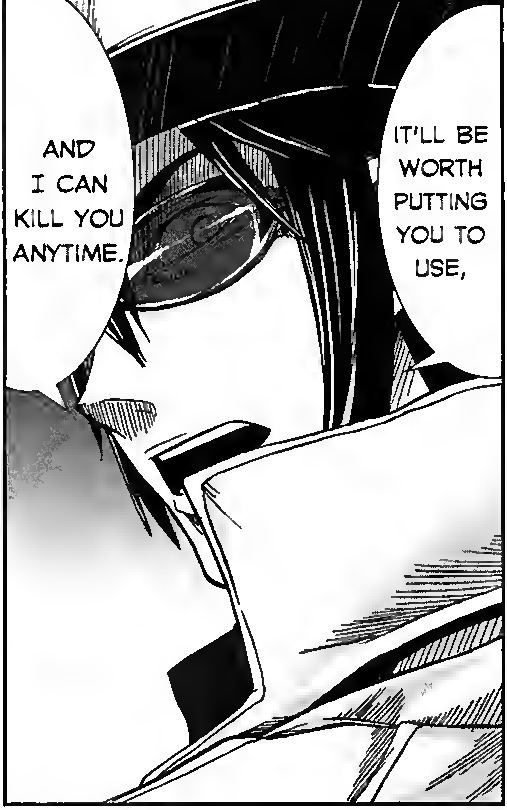
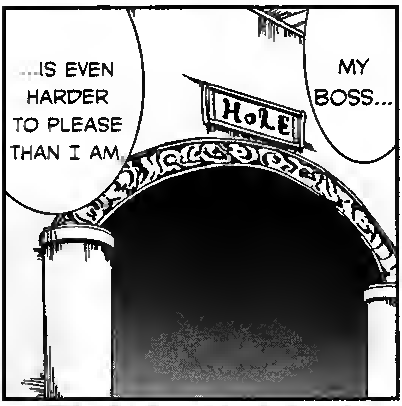
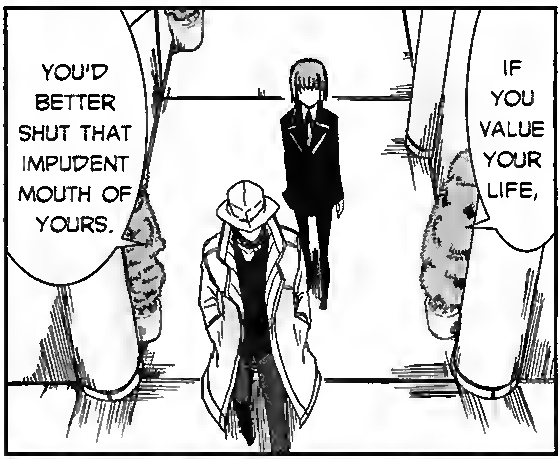
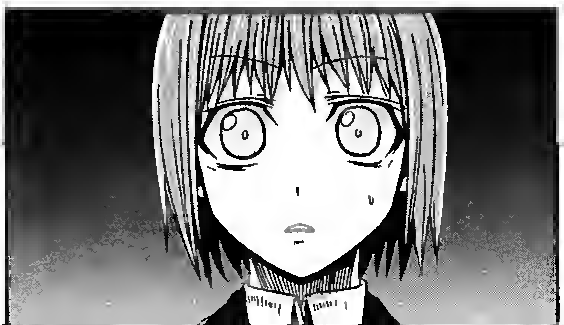

AND I CAN KILL YOU ANYTIME.
IT'LL BE WORTH PUTTING YOU TO USE,


…IS EVEN HARDER TO PLEASE THAN I AM.
MY BOSS…
HOLE


YOU'D BETTER SHUT THAT IMPUDENT MOUTH OF YOURS.
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE,



Ahh...
Ah...
Ah...
Ah

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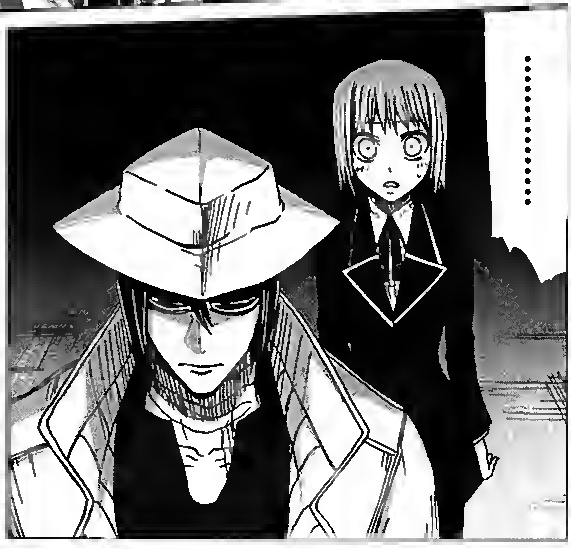
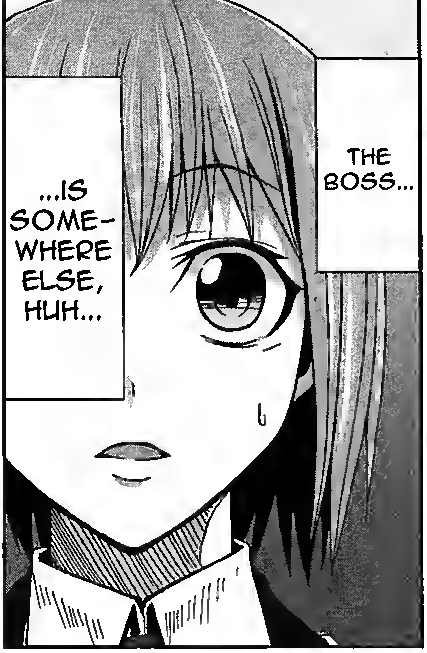
I TOLD YOU TO BRING WOMEN HERE, BUT...
カリ


.....

KUMO.
...AIN'T SHE A BIT TOO YOUNG..?
WHAAAT?
SHE HAS A TALENT THAT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET.
...FUJII YOSHI'S NIECE..
THIS GIRL IS...
...IS THE BOSS..?
THAT GUY...

I WANT HER TO JOIN THE GROUP.
ALLOW HER TO LEARN HOW THE JOB WORKS.
SUZUME BACHI,
I BROUGHT HER HERE TO CONTACT THE BOSS.
WE'RE QUITE PRACTICAL WITH IT, KUKU...
IF YOU'D LIKE, SHALL WE TEACH HER ALL OF IT?
THIS GIRLIE HERE HAS A BUNCH OF STUFF SHE SHOULD MEMORIZE BEFORE SHE STARTS WORKING
DID YOU INTEND FOR THIS TO BE A JOKE?
IF YOU THOUGHT THAT SHOWING YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AFTER BEING AWAY FOR SO LONG WOULD WORK...
Hah?!
カチ
IF I WERE YOU, I'D STOP THERE.

.....
SHE'S MUCH MORE FEROCIOUS THAN SHE LOOKS.
SHE INFLICTED THAT WOUND ON KUMO...?
THAT GIRL...
THAT'S QUITE THE WOUND...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
OHH..?
DEMON... NO WAIT...
THIS GIRLIE'S KUMO'S WEAKNESS, HUH..?
KUKU...


THE BOSS...
...IS SOMEWHERE ELSE, HUH...

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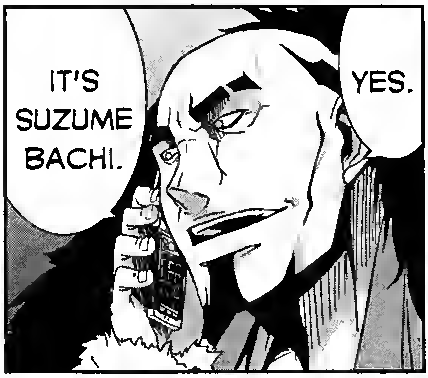
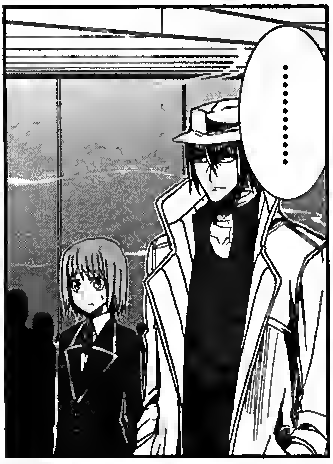
FINE.
I'LL CALL THE BOSS.


YES.
IT'S SUZUME BACHI.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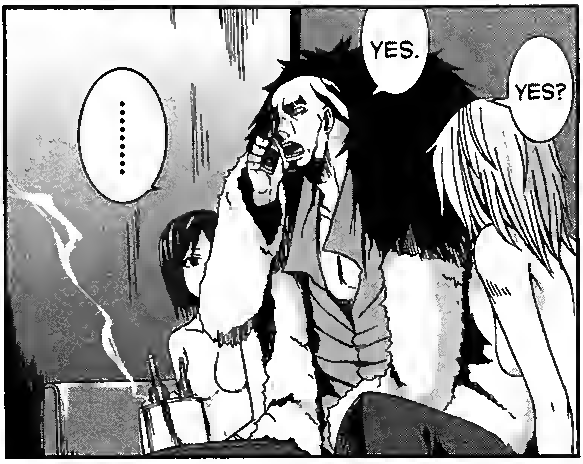
YES.
YES?
.....

……
パチン
ゴク…
KILL HER.
SEEMS IT ISN'T POSSIBLE.
……
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Kill the girl.
Immediately.

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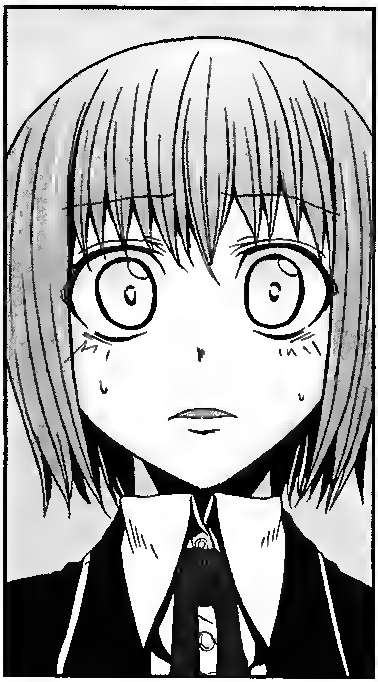
ARACHNID

Chapter 2 : I Want to Return

"Suzume Bachi," or Hornet.
Extremely aggressive and poisonous, the most wicked winged insect that can easily kill or drastically wound a person
The hornet's attack against a human is due to its instinct in protecting its nest.
If one does not get near their nest or trespass their domain, they will be safe from harm.
However, the nest of the hornet's greatest kind "Oosuzume Bachi" or the Asian Giant Hornet, is built within the Earth for protection
Without any particular reason one should not approach a nest as the chance of being attacked is very high
Moreover..

If something goes there, they may be attacked as well.
...For the sake of their nest, one portion of the nest is sent off to discover separate feeding grounds
Those that unluckily tread upon their domain.
...Their lives cannot be guaranteed.
Survival will depend upon a human's ability to overcome this threat of existence.
These insects have no other objective but to acquire a larger domain by passing through vast surroundings similar to this.
KILL HER.



...KILL THE GIRL
IMMEDIATELY.

WHY?
.....
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A REASON TO LIVE ANY LONGER, SO...
...KILL HER.
WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
BOSS ORDERS YOU.

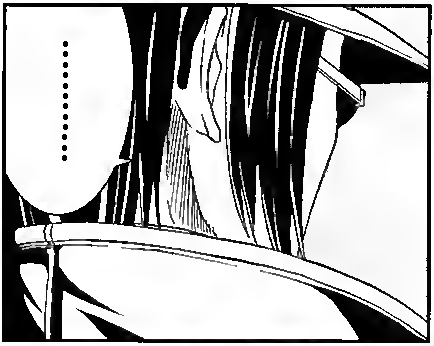
カキン
ASSASSIN-SAN...
A-
……

HURRY UP AND DO IT ALREADY!
SORRY.
AH..!
A-
AH-
ハン?

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
...
SORRY, SUZUME BACHI.
PLEASE PARDON ME, JUST THIS ONCE.

DISAPPEAR.

DISOBEYING ORDERS...
...I WILL REPORT THIS TO THE BOSS.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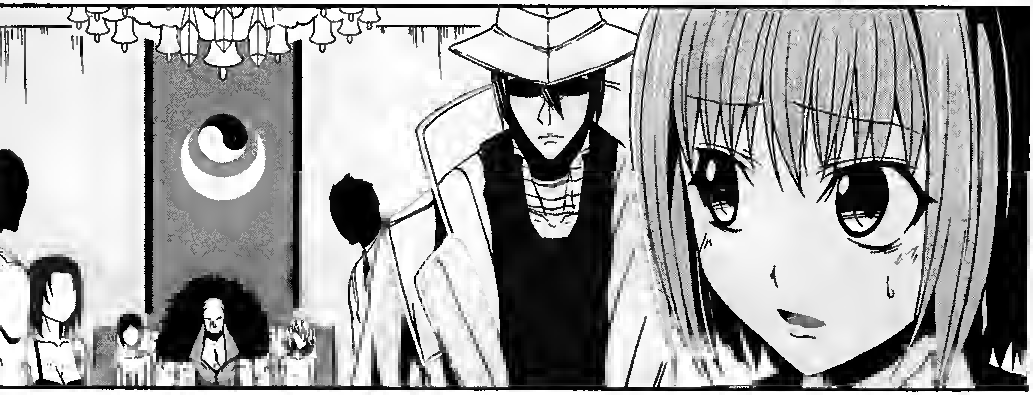
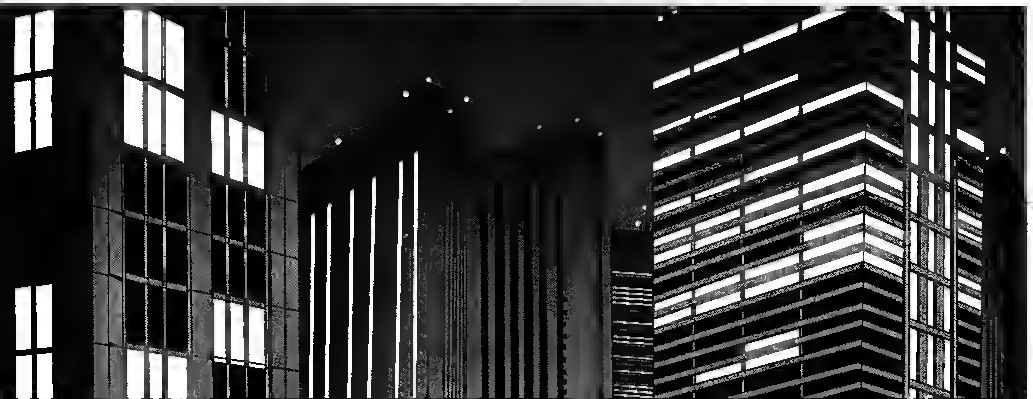
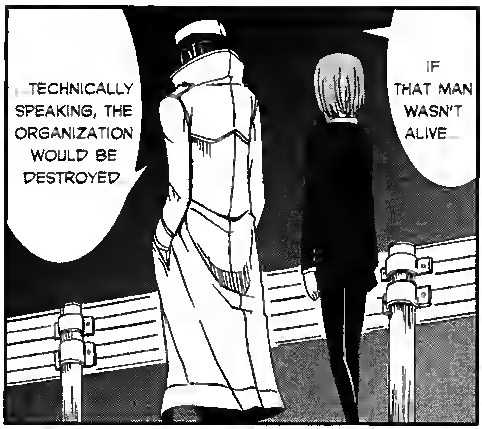
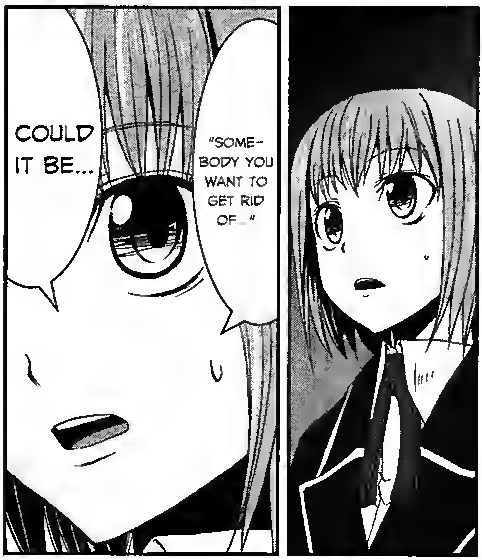




...DIDN'T YOU SHOOT?
WHY...
.....
BUT...
B-
I HAVE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DO FOR ME.
I TOLD YOU.
SUZUME BACHI IS THE PROBLEM.


IF THAT MAN WASN'T ALIVE...
...TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE DESTROYED


COULD IT BE...
"SOMEBODY YOU WANT TO GET RID OF..."

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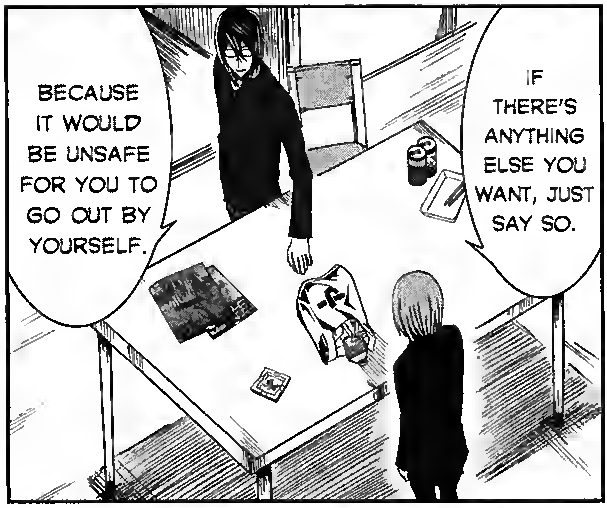
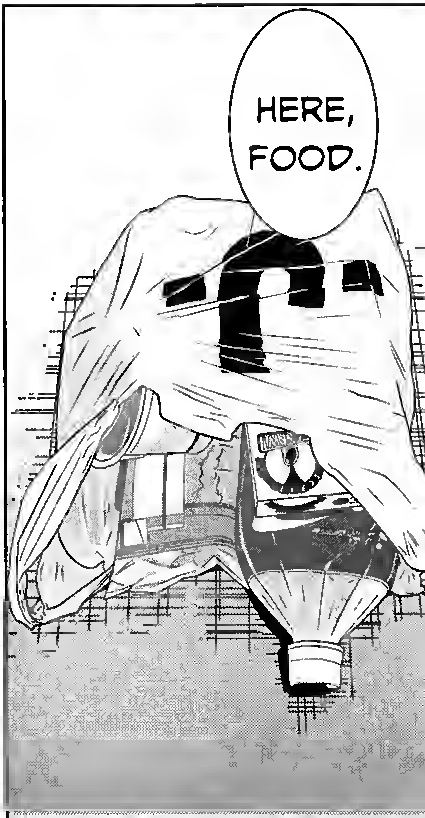
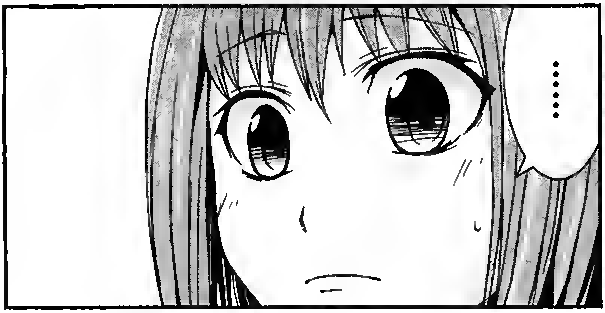
THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN IN THE ORGANIZATION
WHO CAN CONTACT THIS UNKNOWN BOSS.


BECAUSE IT WOULD BE UNSAFE FOR YOU TO GO OUT BY YOURSELF.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT, JUST SAY SO.


HERE, FOOD.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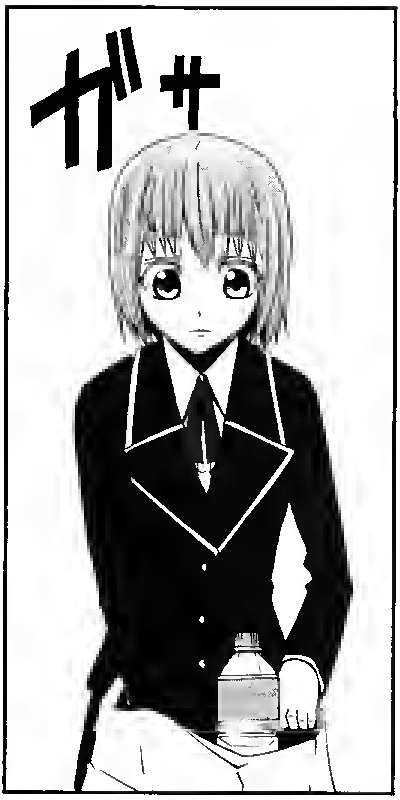
Ah...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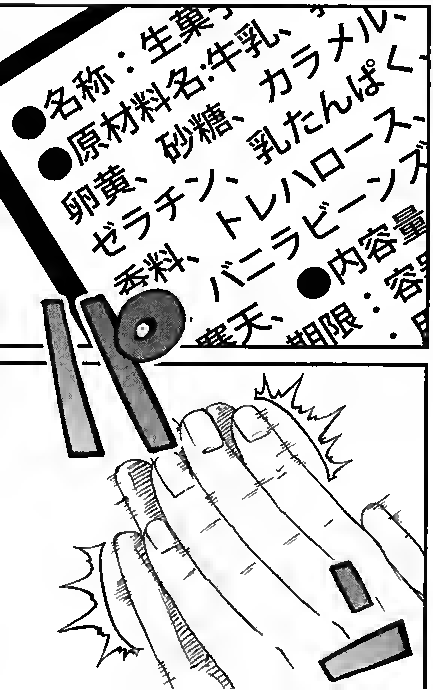
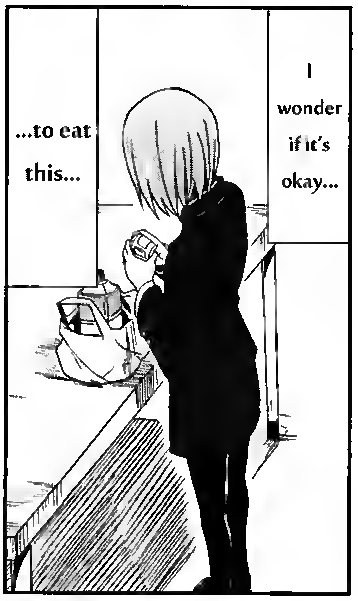
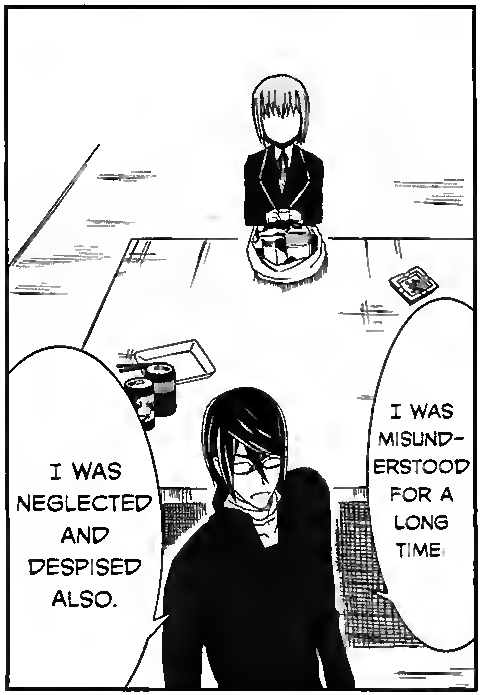
...There's only one.

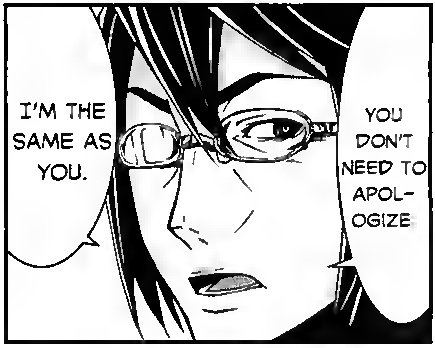

●名称・生菓
●原材料名:牛乳、
卵黄、砂糖、カラメル、
ゼラチン、乳たんぱく、
香料、トレハロース、
バニラビーンズ
●内容量
賞味期限:容
・日
……


...to eat this...
I wonder if it's okay...

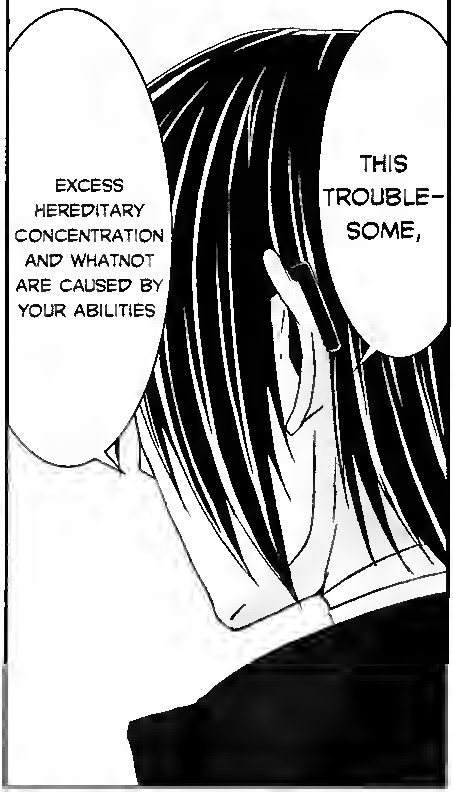
BE CAREFUL.
WE'VE REALLY GOTTEN INTO IT NOW.


I WAS NEGLECTED AND DESPISED ALSO.
I WAS MISUNDERSTOOD FOR A LONG TIME.

S-SORRY.
AH...

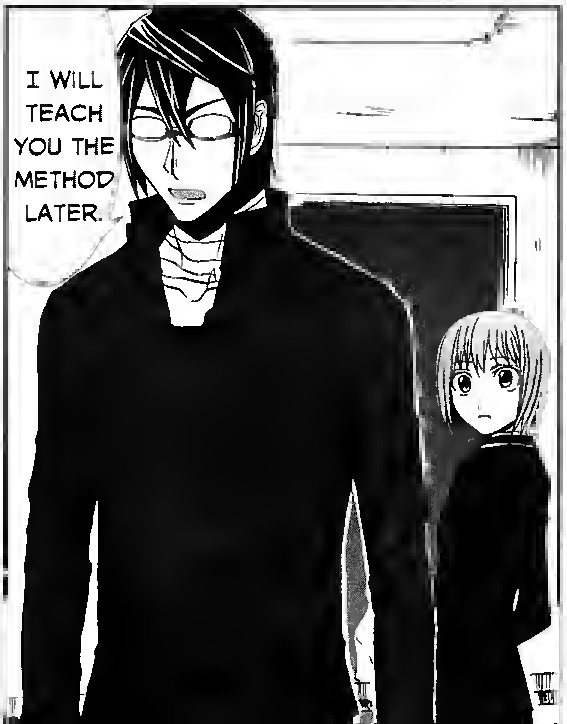

I'M THE SAME AS YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE

.....

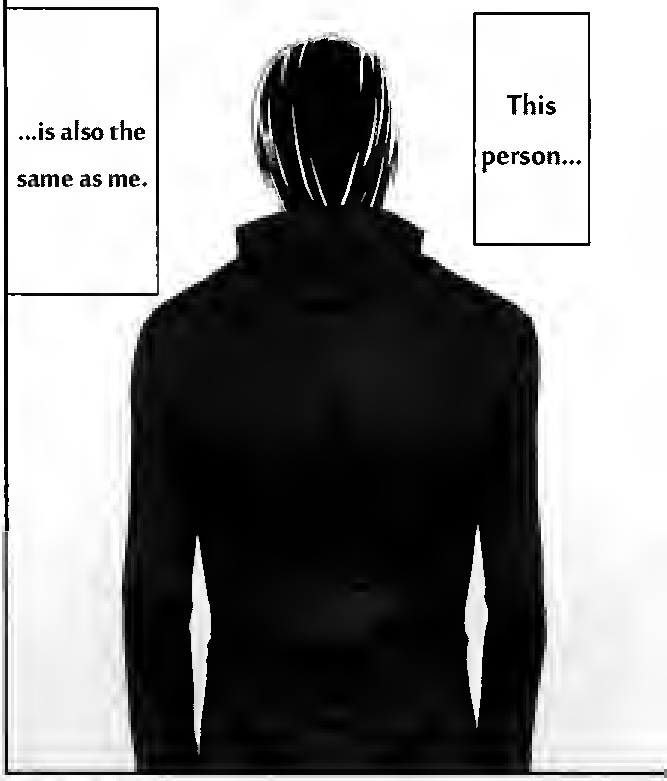

THIS TROUBLE-SOME,
EXCESS HEREDITARY CONCENTRATION AND WHATNOT ARE CAUSED BY YOUR ABILITIES

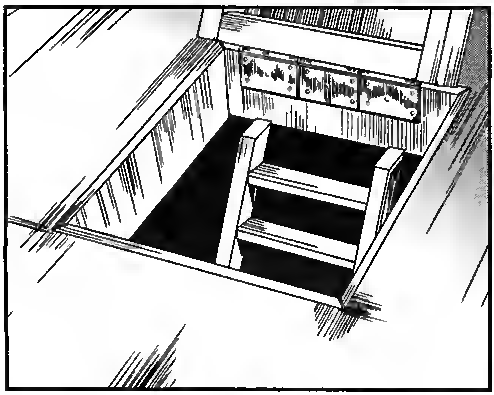
BUT,
YOU CAN CONTROL IT.

Oh yeah...


I WILL TEACH YOU THE METHOD LATER.

Being misunderstood for a long time...
...Nobody understanding you...


...is also the same as me.
This person...



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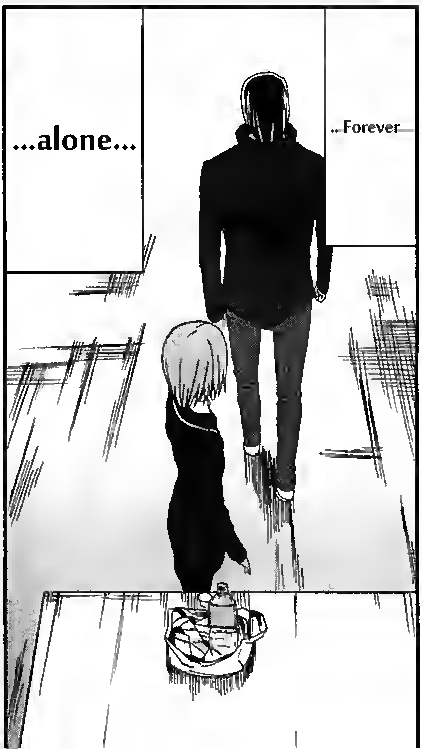
...alone...
...Forever...

GREAT BASEMENT, HUH?

WHAT ARE WE...
...DOING IN HER-
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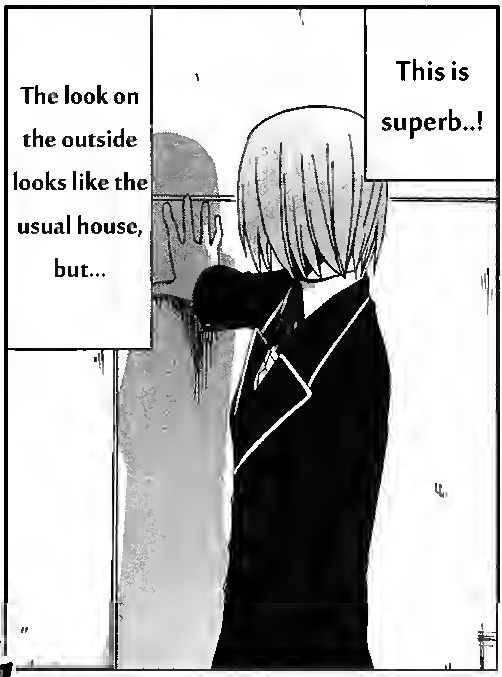
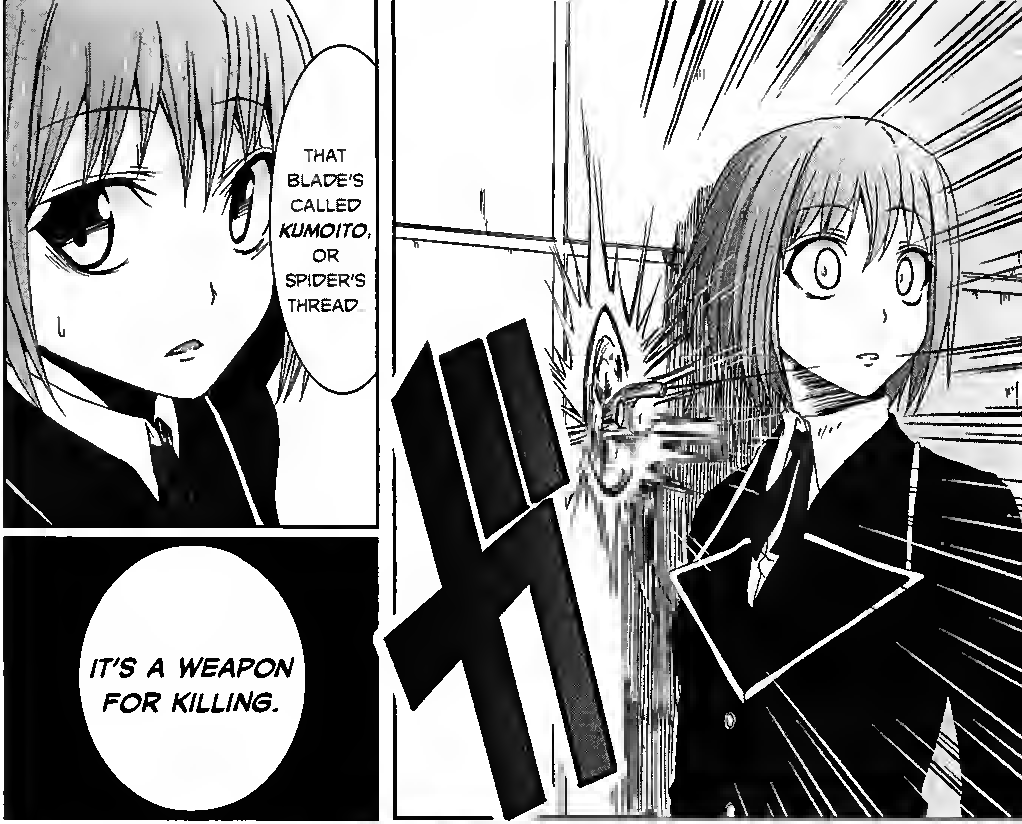
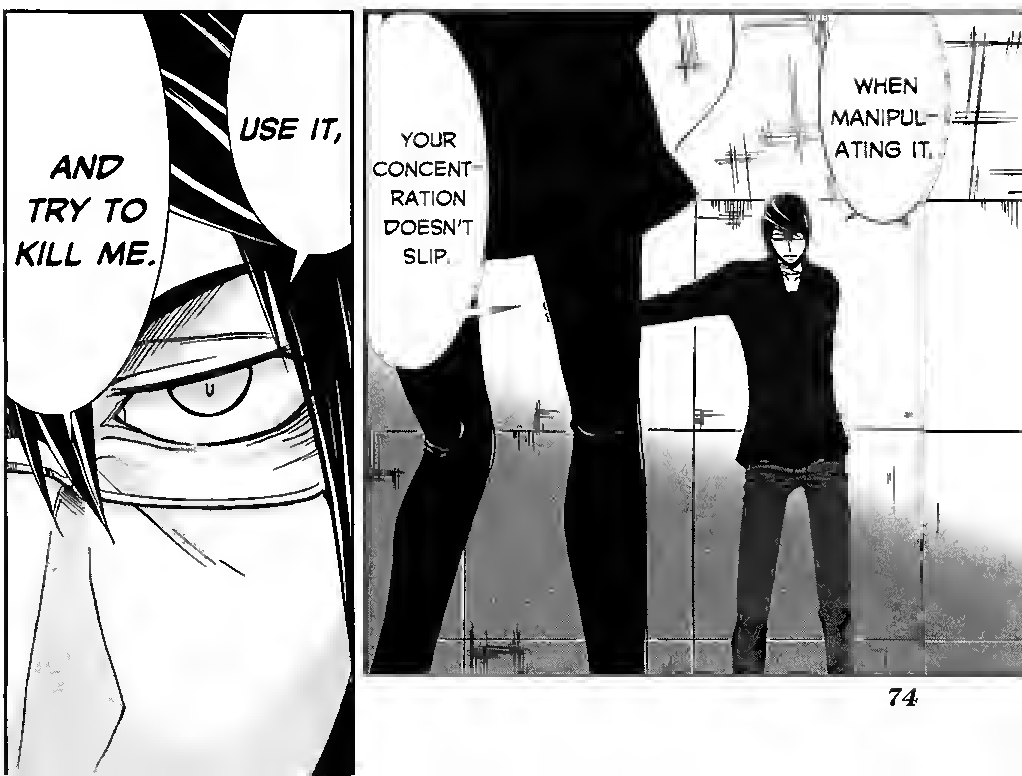

This is superb..!
The look on the outside looks like the usual house, but...


THAT BLADE'S CALLED *KUMOITO*, OR SPIDER'S THREAD.
IT'S A WEAPON FOR KILLING.

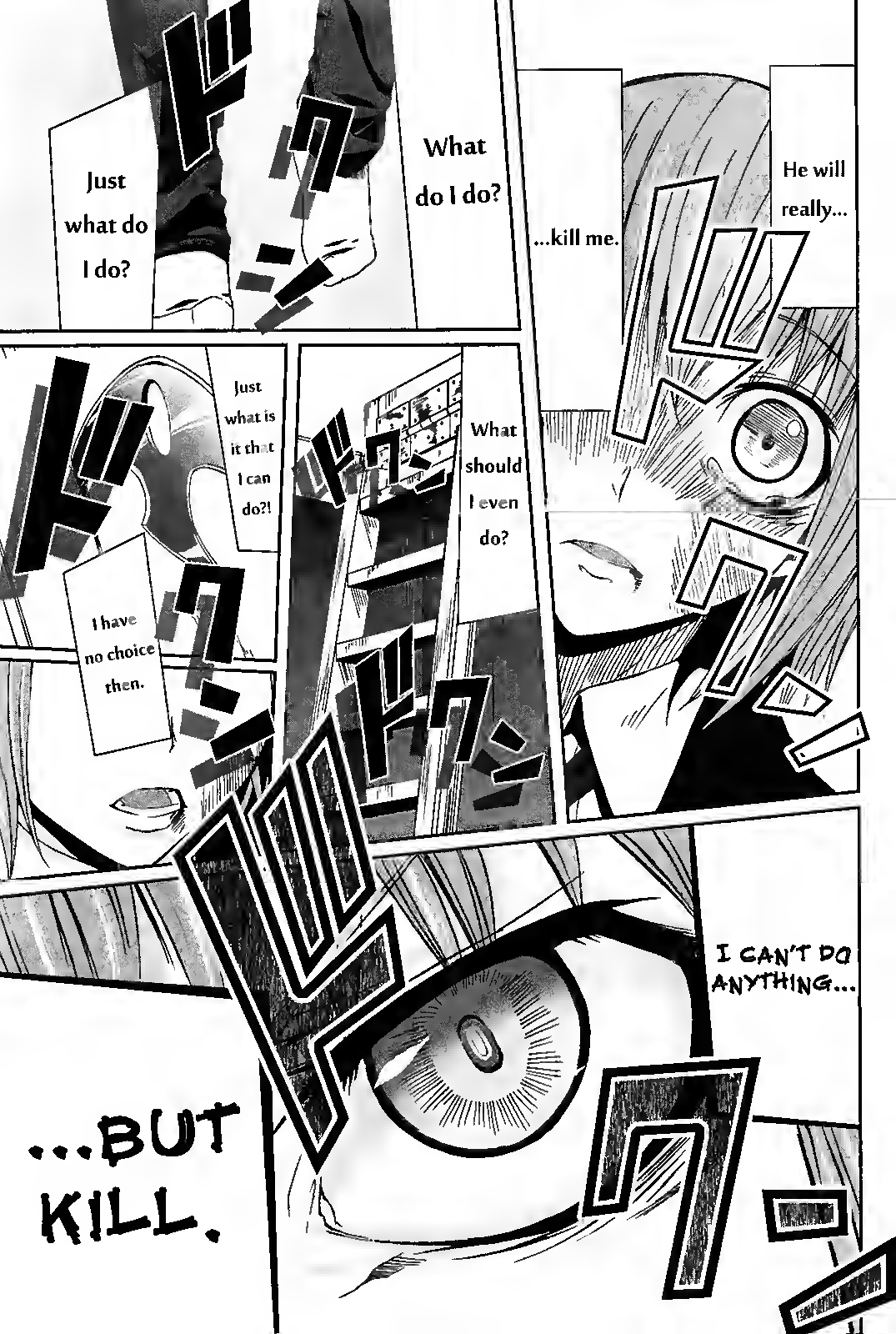

USE IT, AND TRY TO KILL ME.
YOUR CONCENTRATION DOESN'T SLIP WHEN MANIPULATING IT.

I...
...I CAN'T DO IT...
!?
CONCENTRATE.

UGH...
ドゴ
WAH..!
ダッ
ダッ

スー
PLEASE STO-
P-
Why..?

I...
...In those eyes...
CONCEN-TRATE
OTHERWISE
...YOU WILL DIE.
This guy...
...is dead serious...


ドクン
Just what do I do?
What do I do?
...kill me.
He will really...
ドクン
ドクン
Just what is it that I can do?!
What should I even do?
I have no choice then.
ドクン
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
...BUT KILL.

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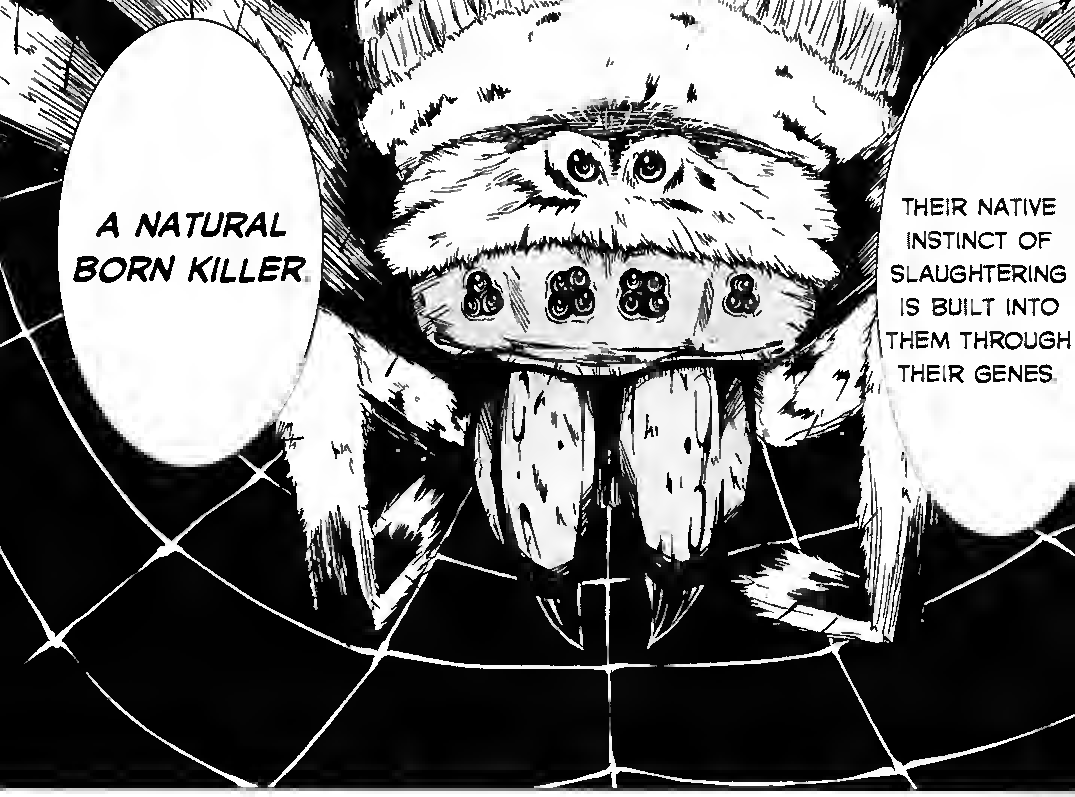
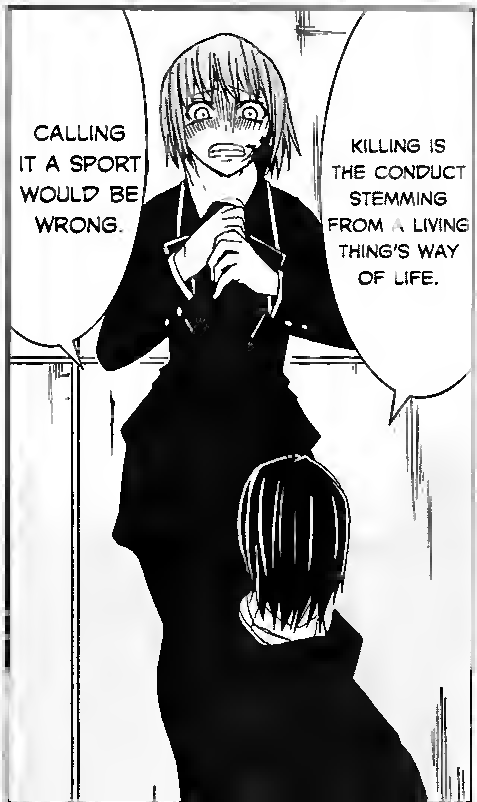
ナイ

.....
IT'S TOO BAD, BUT...

...THE WAY YOU'RE USING IT IS WRONG
GUH..!
THESE WERE NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE TAUGHT BY THEIR PARENTS
THE WAY THEY THREAD THEIR WEBS AND HUNT WITHIN THEM
SPIDERS...


A NATURAL BORN KILLER.
THEIR NATIVE INSTINCT OF SLAUGHTERING IS BUILT INTO THEM THROUGH THEIR GENES.

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, YOU CAN'T WIN WITH ONLY THOSE AS THE MAIN FACTORS
THE DIFFERENCE IN PHYSIQUE, GENDER, AND AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE,
ONLY THE ONES THAT CONFORM TO THAT KILLING INSTINCT,
SURVIVE.


CALLING IT A SPORT WOULD BE WRONG.
KILLING IS THE CONDUCT STEMMING FROM A LIVING THING'S WAY OF LIFE.

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ドン
TONIGHT,
YOU WILL SLEEP HERE
WE WILL FIGHT AGAIN TOMORROW
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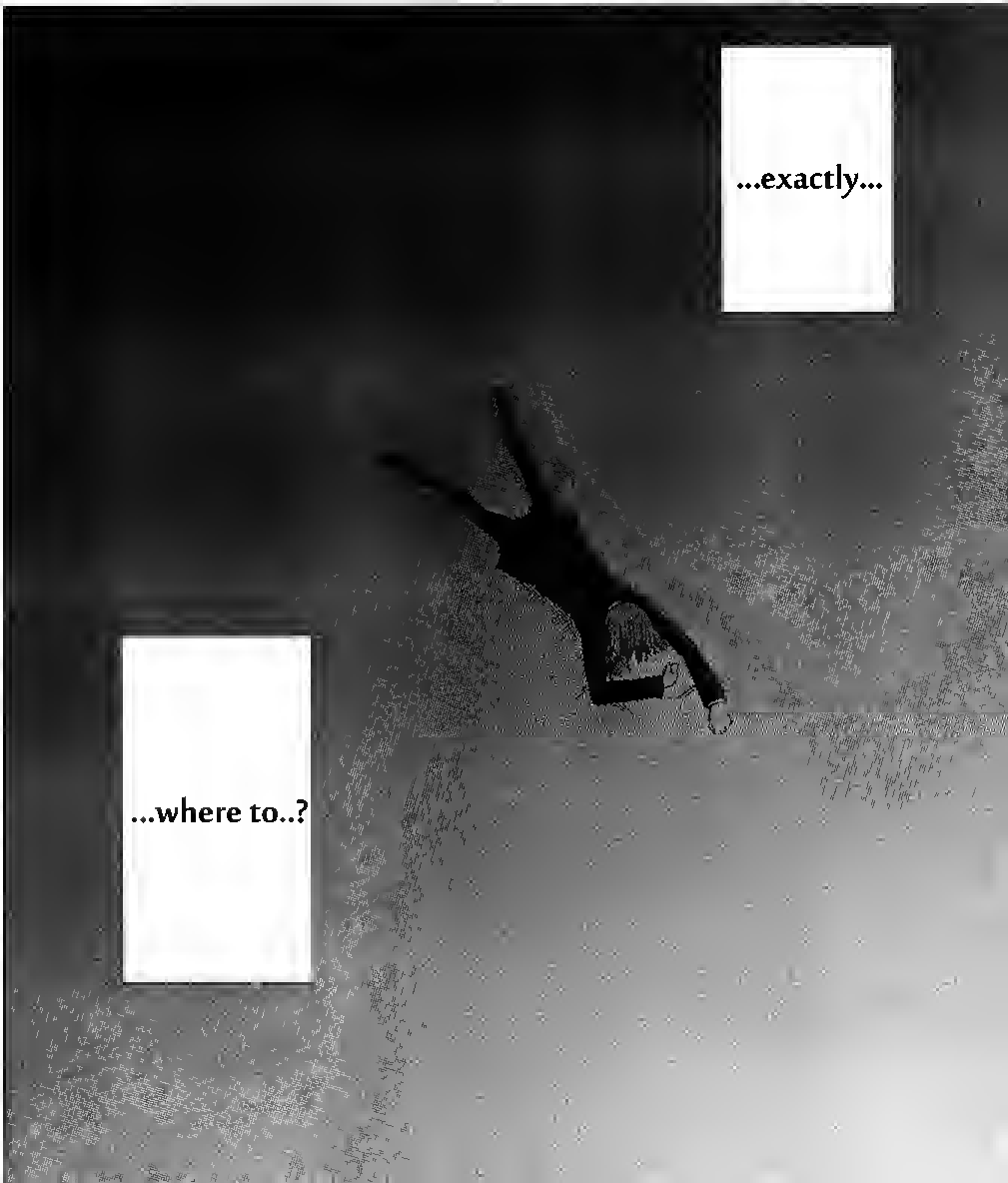
ALICE.
ガチャ
GOOD NIGHT,
Why..?
...Why must I do this sort of thing..?
...This hurts so much...
.....
...I want to return...
I can't take it anymore...

"...return..."
...But...


...exactly...
...where to..?

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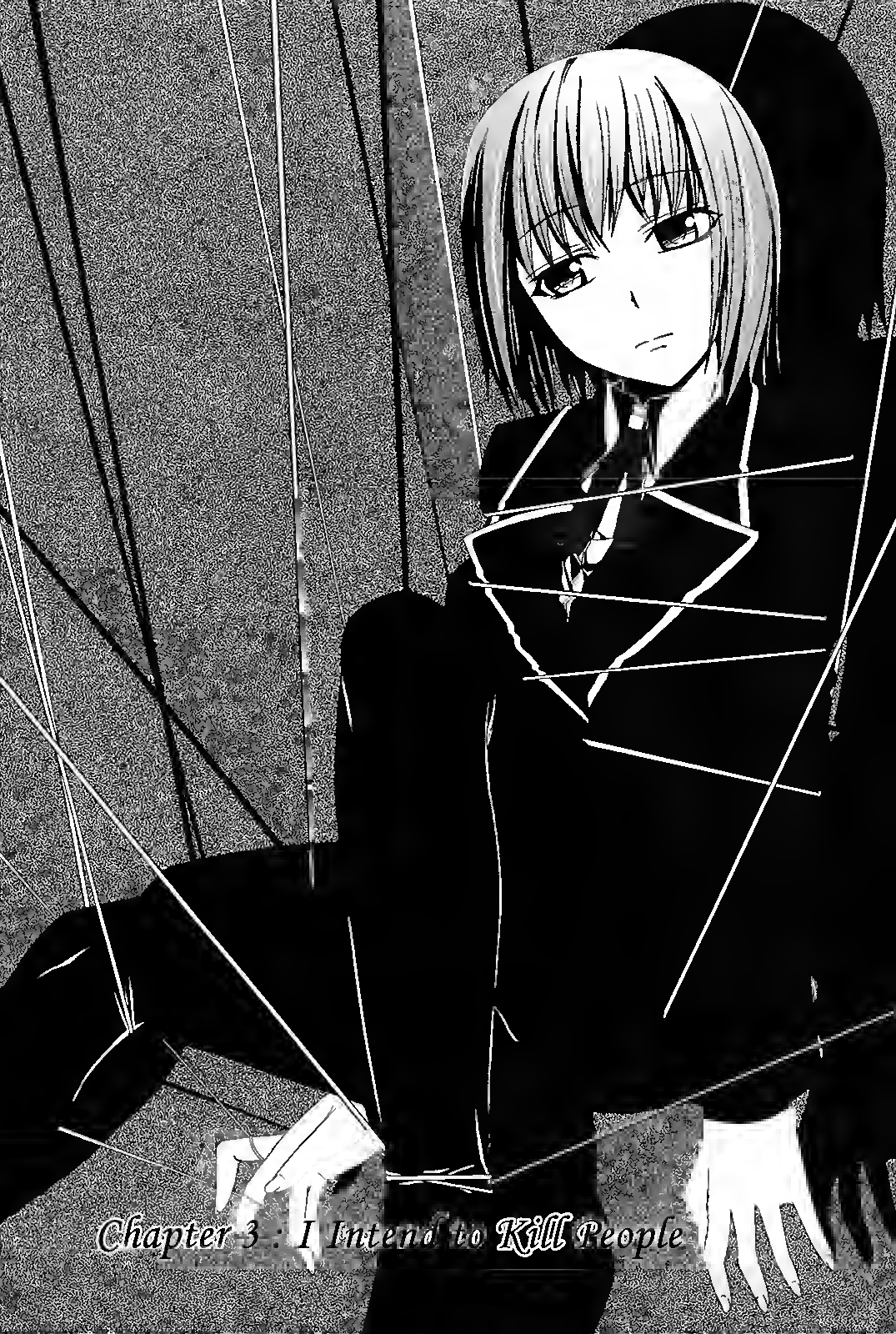
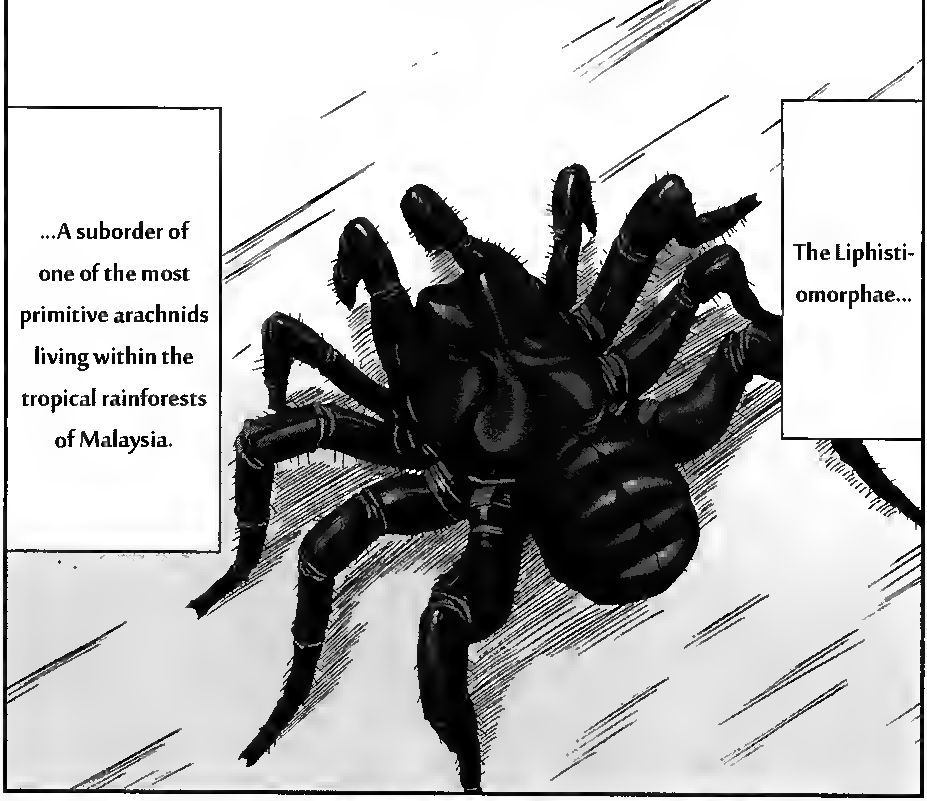
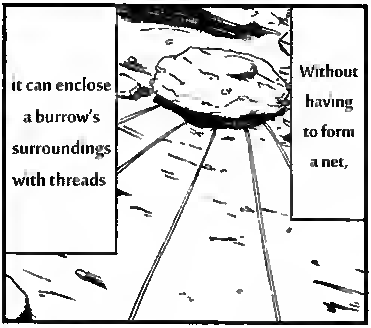
ARACHNID

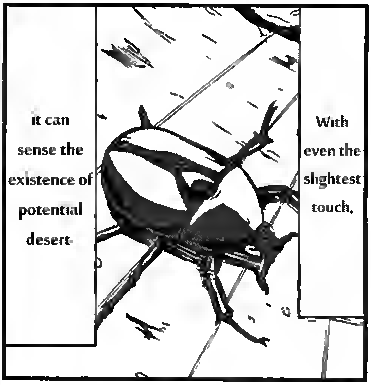


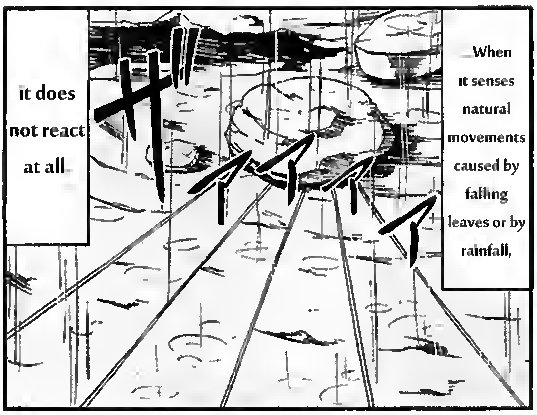
Chapter 3 : I Intend to Kill People

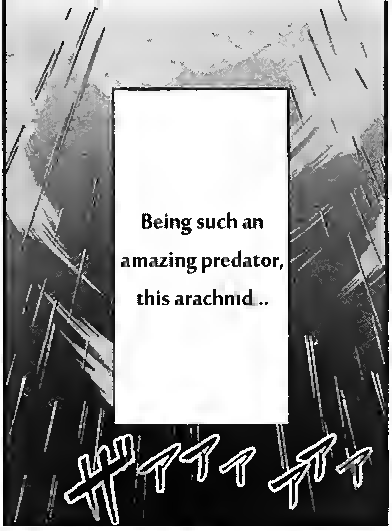

...A suborder of one of the most primitive arachnids living within the tropical rainforests of Malaysia.
The Liphistiomorphae...

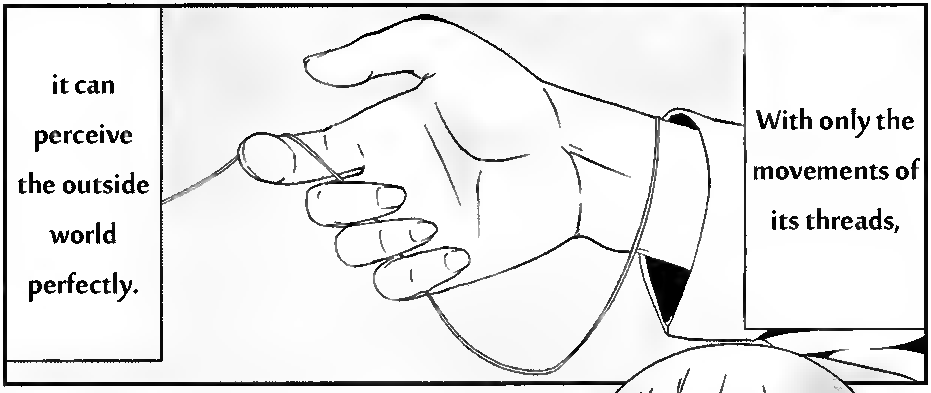
...It feasts.
Jumping out from within the Earth...

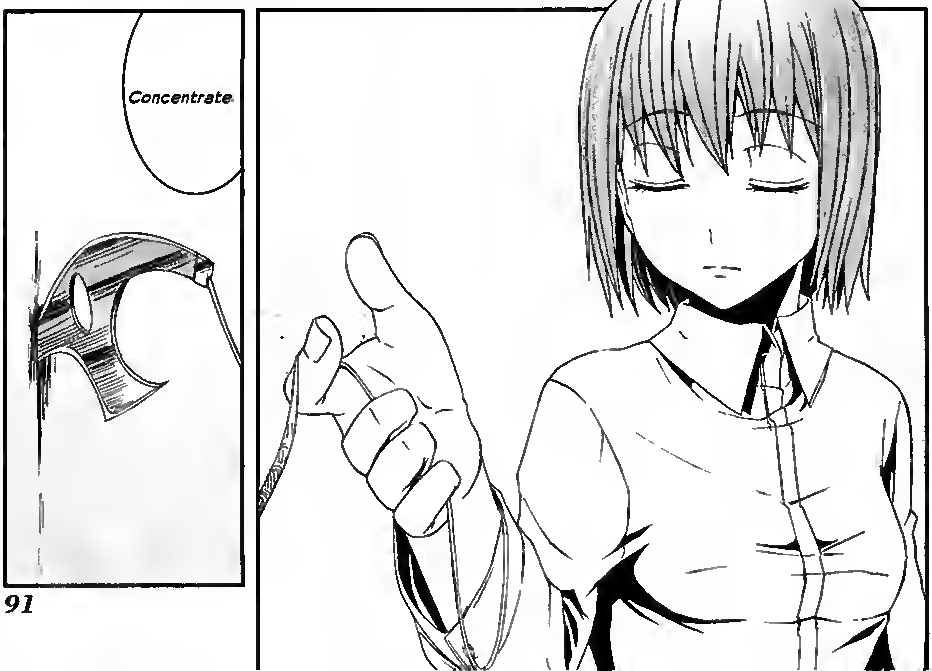

it can enclose a burrow's surroundings with threads
Without having to form a net,

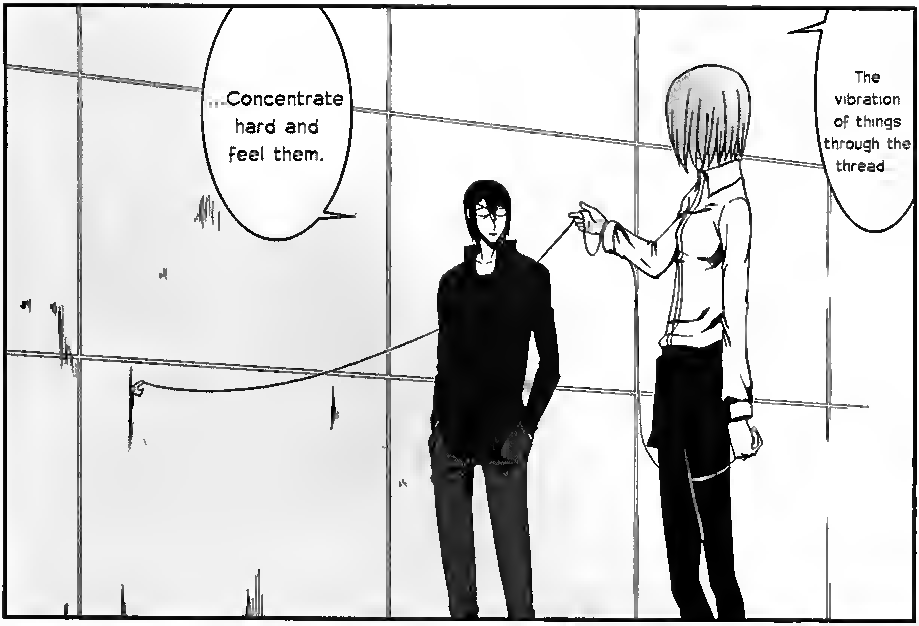

it can sense the existence of potential desert
With even the slightest touch,

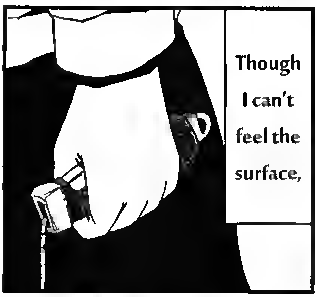

it does not react at all
When it senses natural movements caused by falling leaves or by rainfall,

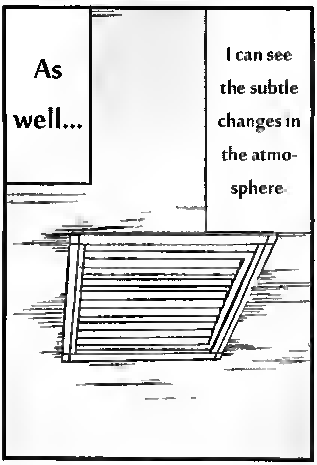

Being such an amazing predator, this arachnid..


it can perceive the outside world perfectly.
With only the movements of its threads,


Concentrate


...Concentrate hard and feel them.
The vibration of things through the thread


Though I can't feel the surface,


As well...
I can see the subtle changes in the atmosphere

.....

What can you see?

...They're here.
...They're coming.
And these bigger vibrations...
A roaring sound.
It is raining outside.
...The vibration of each fine strand sprinkling down...
...The sound of rain.
A train.
The rail is nearby.
A voice.
Footsteps
A yell?
SERIOUSLY!
Running
Nevermind it's just the sound of a cat screeching.
A chat between women.
Is it a student?
The sound of laughter
Small steps.
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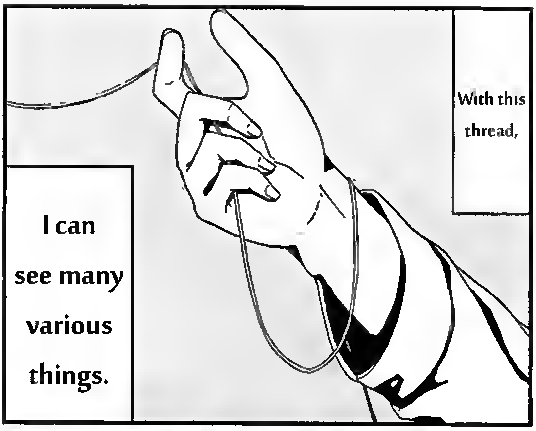
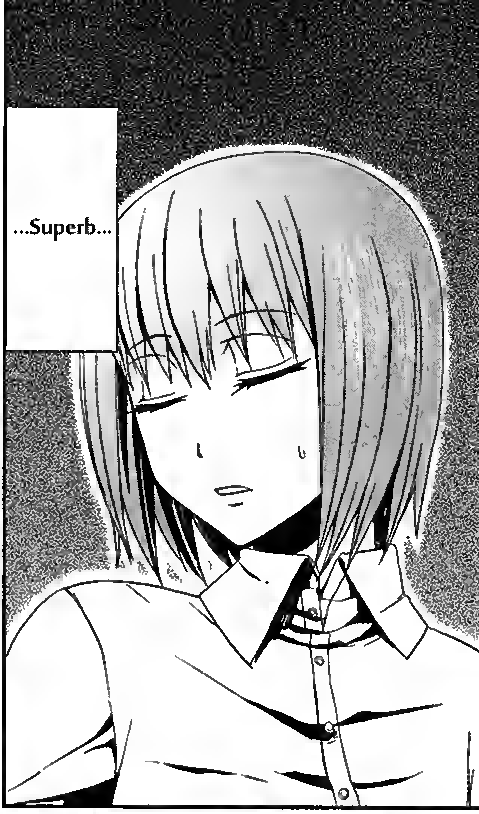
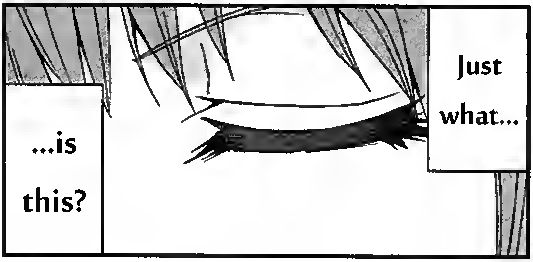
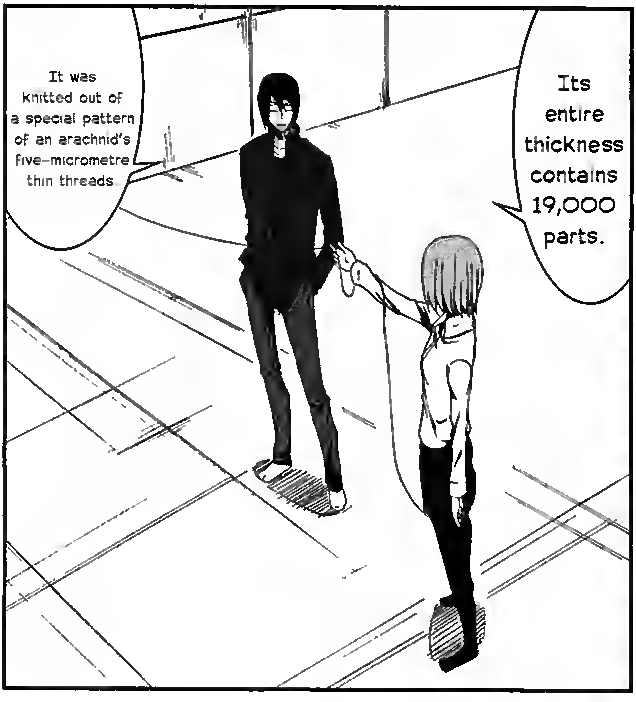
Su...
ISN'T HE SUPER ANNOYING?
A child?

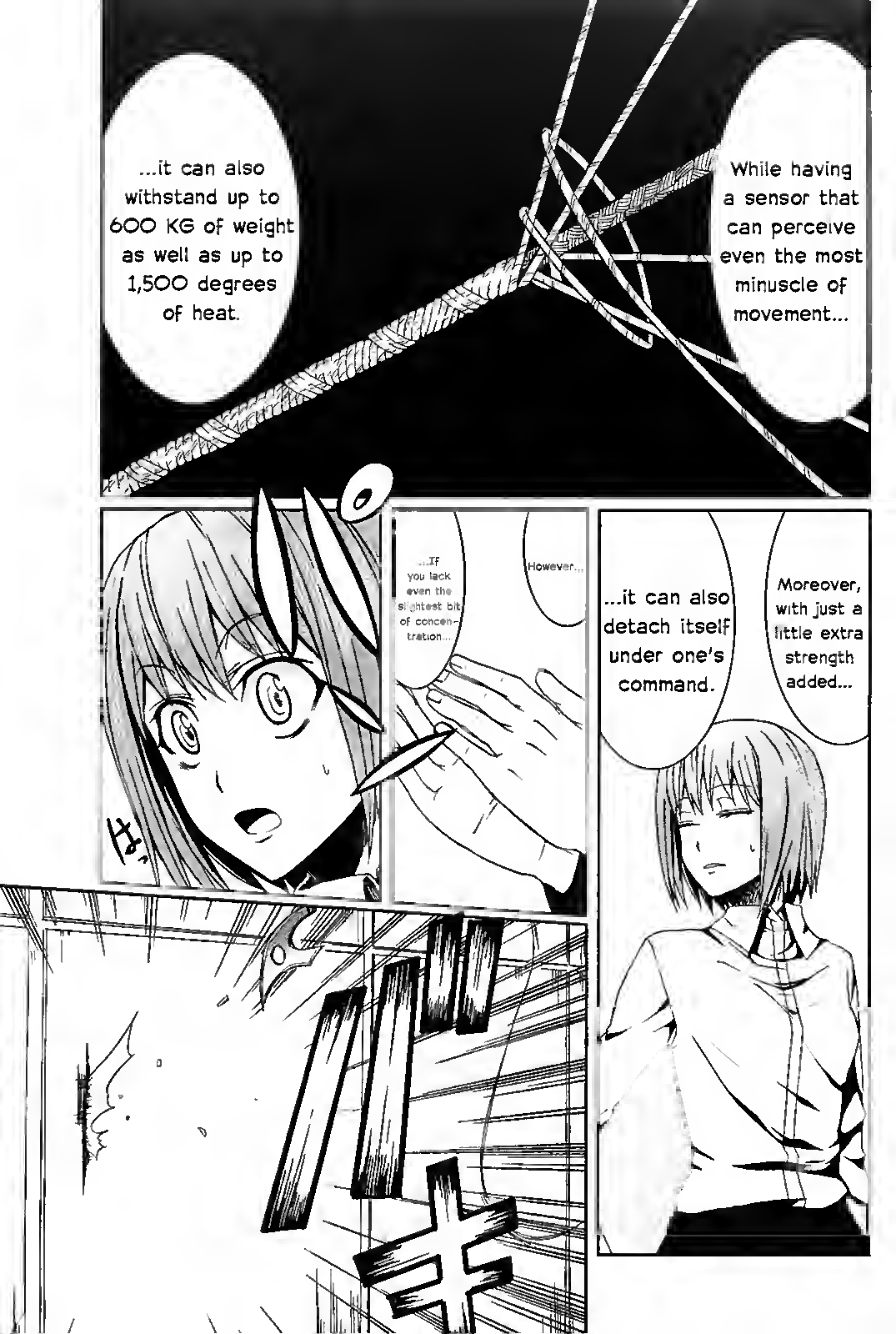

With this thread,
I can see many various things.


...Superb...


Just what...
...is this?


It was knitted out of a special pattern of an arachnid's five-micrometre thin threads.
Its entire thickness contains 19,000 parts.

Kumoito.


...it can also withstand up to 600 KG of weight as well as up to 1,500 degrees of heat.
While having a sensor that can perceive even the most minuscle of movement...
...it can also detach itself under one's command.
Moreover, with just a little extra strength added...
...If you lack even the slightest bit of concentration...
However...

UGH...
Wha-
What is this...
Just like a real living arachnid,
it will entangle you
!

No way...
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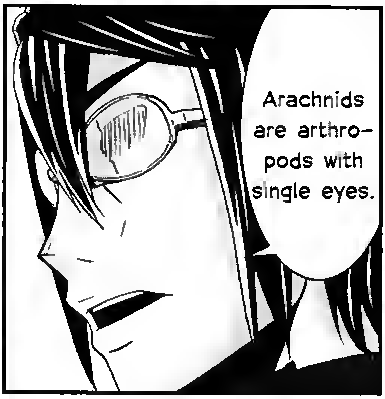
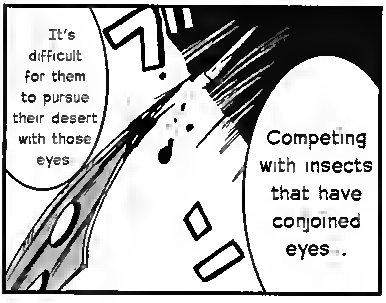
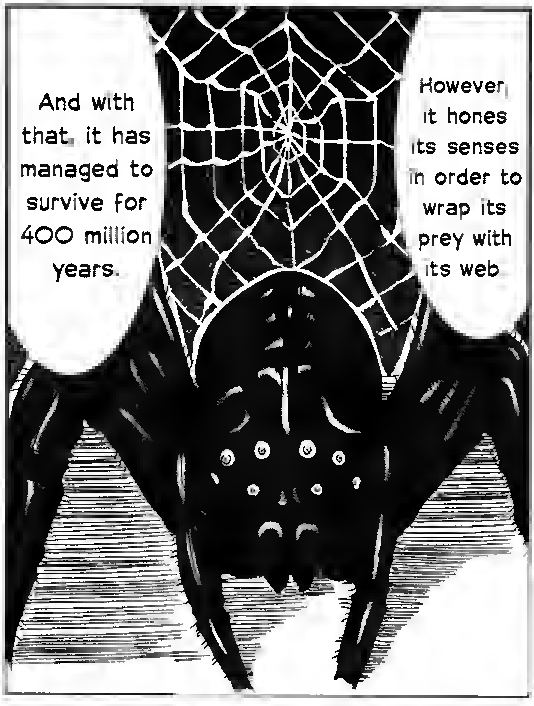
...It's coming towards me...
...It's going to kill me..!
...This can't be happening.

...If you lose control...
...It'll start attacking the owner on its own.

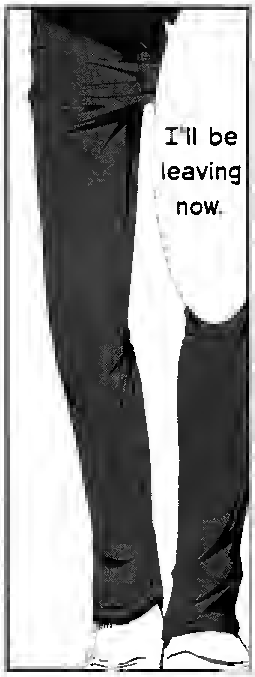

Arachnids are arthropods with single eyes.


Competing with insects that have conjoined eyes...
It's difficult for them to pursue their desert with those eyes


However, it hones its senses in order to wrap its prey with its web
And with that, it has managed to survive for 400 million years.

...If it's you, you can do it.
However...
It's near impossible to control Kumoito.
Just like me, you are affected by Excess Hereditary Concentration.
Well, if it's you...
Eh...
...This will be yours.
...From today on...

play around with it.
For the time being,


I'll be leaving now.

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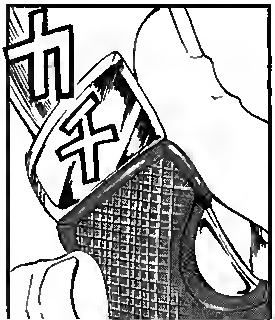
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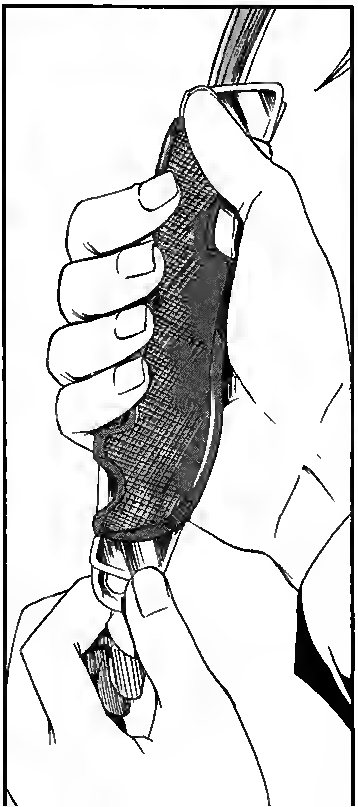

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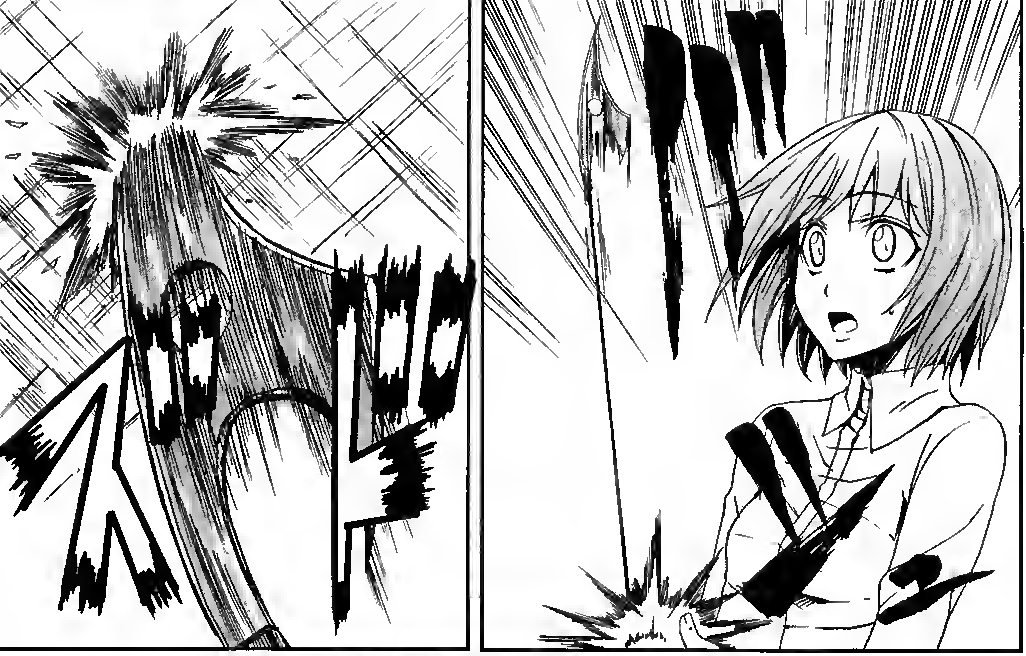
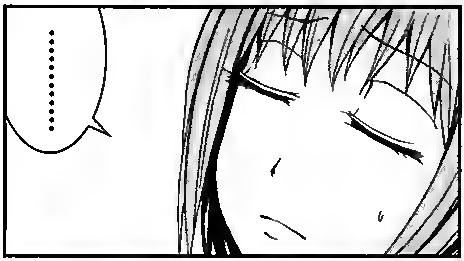
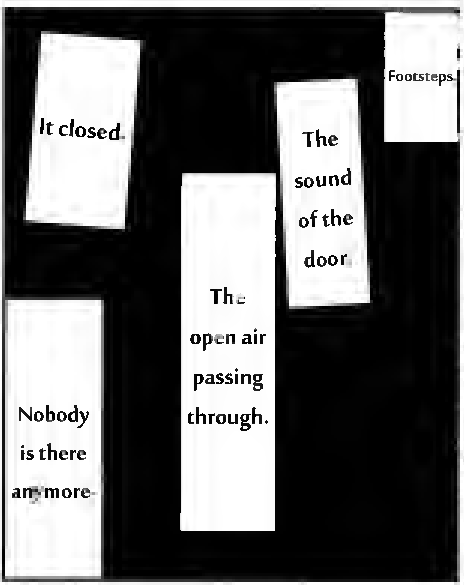
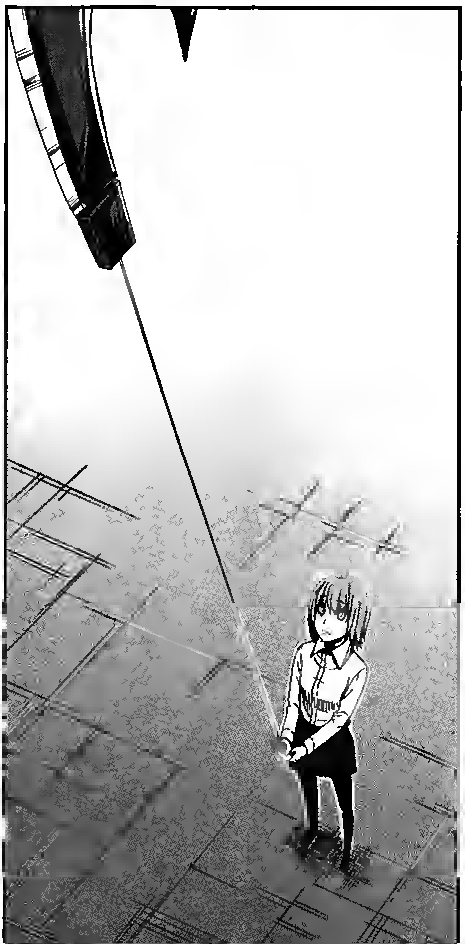
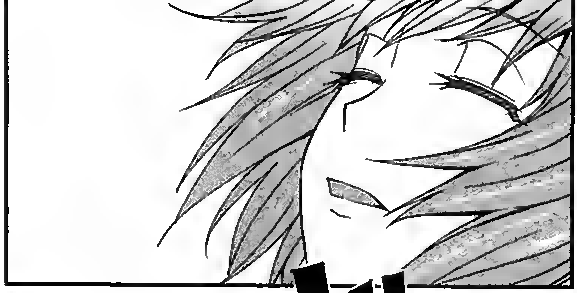
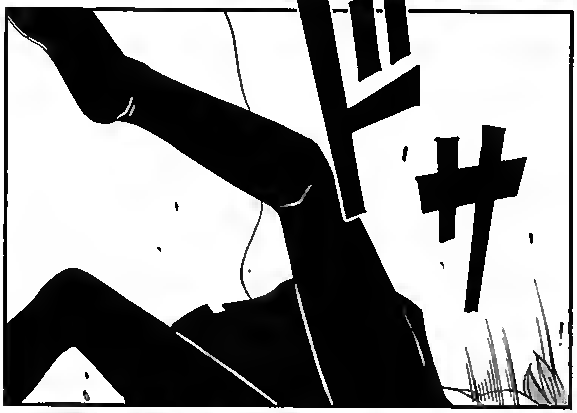





Footsteps.
The sound of the door
It closed.
The open air passing through.
Nobody is there anymore.

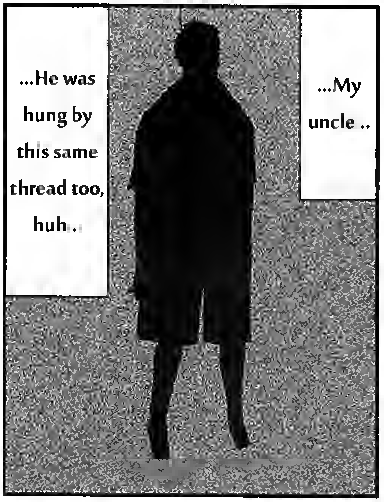


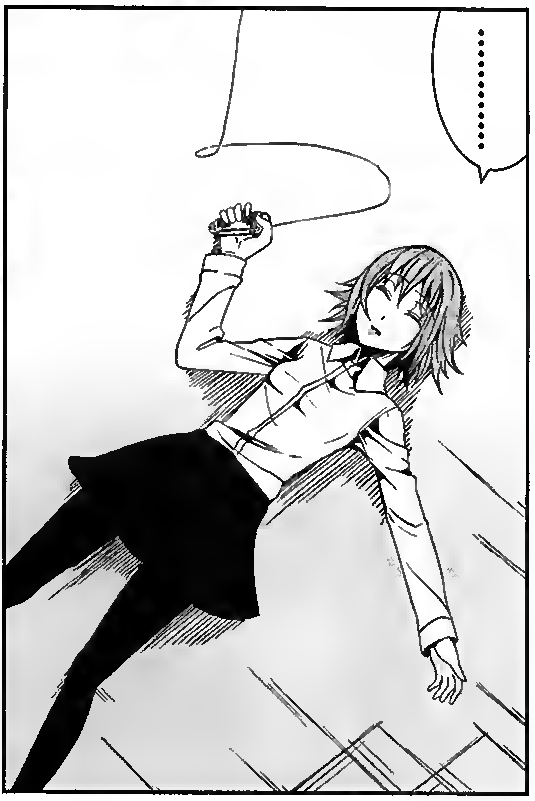




If anybody comes,
I'll know quickly.

At that time...


...My uncle ..
...He was hung by this same thread too, huh..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But...
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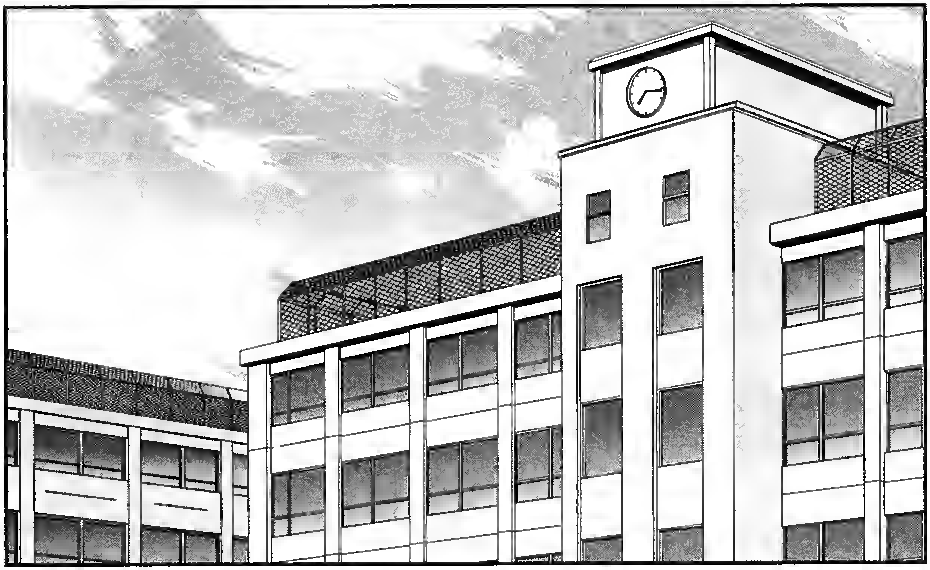
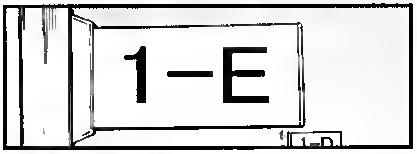
...a weapon meant to kill others.
In other words, this is...
...He is the only other person to have ever given me anything...
...Apart from my mother...
...I think...
...I believe, since birth...
...Yeah...

Fifteen
Days Later





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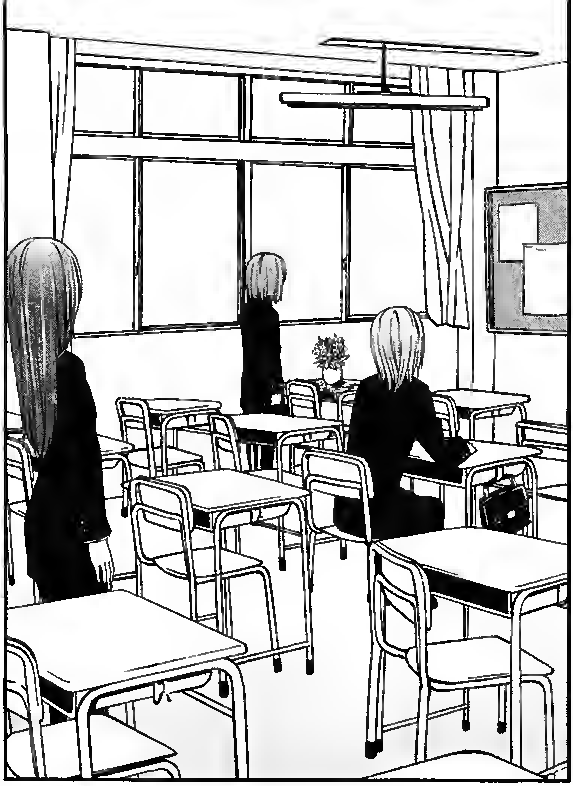
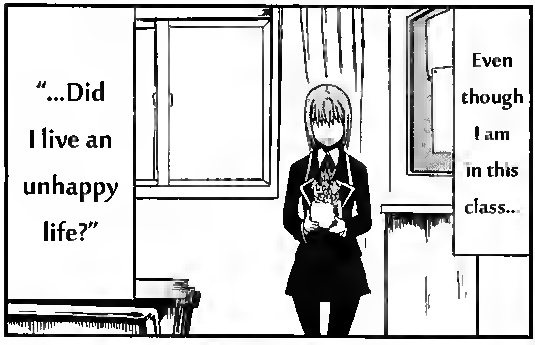
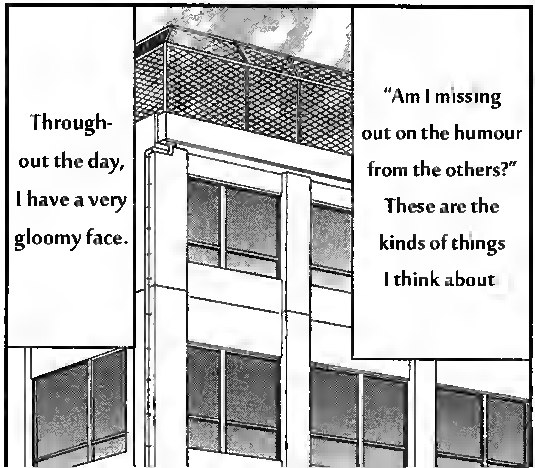
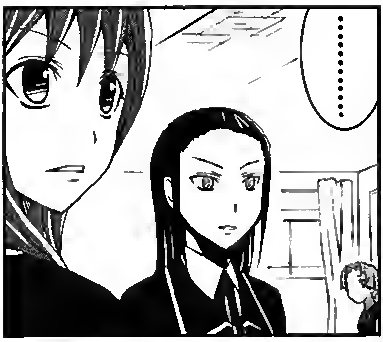



"...Did I live an unhappy life?"
Even though I am in this class...

About the me lately,


Through-out the day, I have a very gloomy face.
"Am I missing out on the humour from the others?" These are the kinds of things I think about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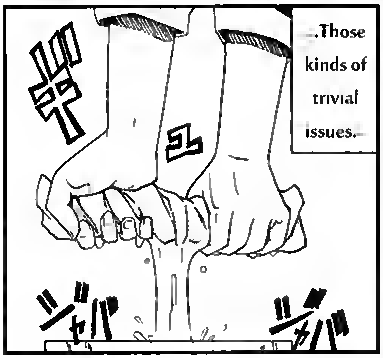
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...Those kinds of trivial issues.

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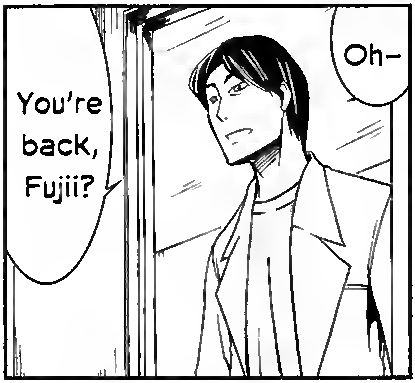
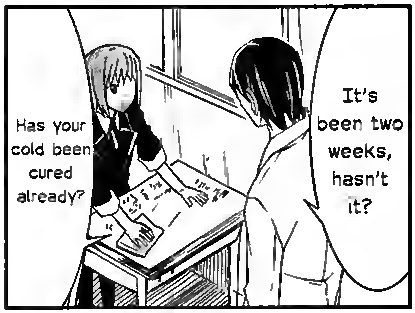
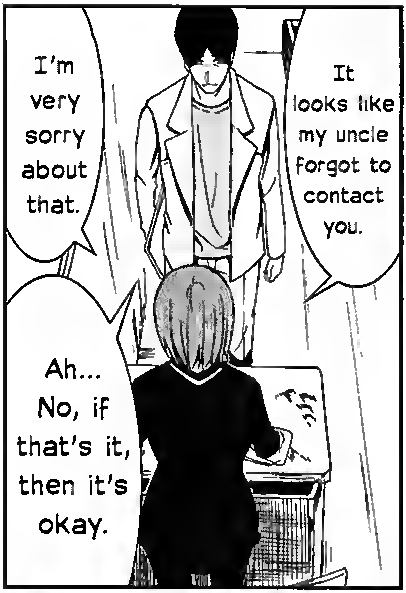
...to having this gloomy mood, huh...
I have unnecessarily come...


You're back, Fujii?
Oh-

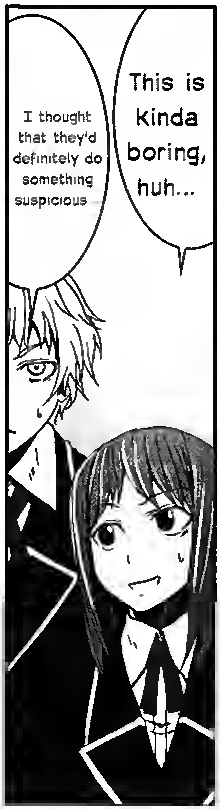

Has your cold been cured already?
It's been two weeks, hasn't it?

...They were quite nostalgic, weren't they?
...Where I used to feel depressed about each and every time...

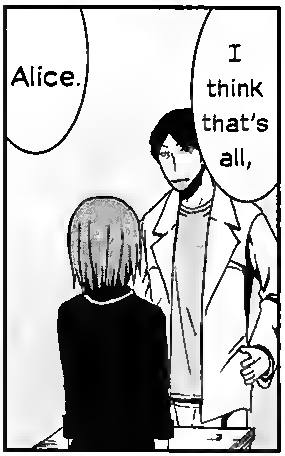
Yes,
I have completely recovered.

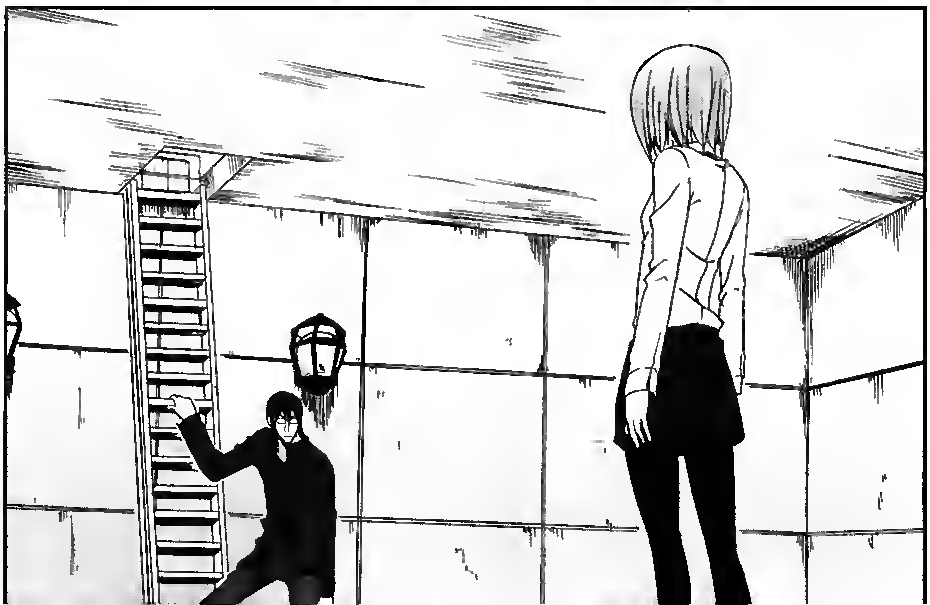

I'm very sorry about that.
It looks like my uncle forgot to contact you.
Ah... No, if that's it, then it's okay.

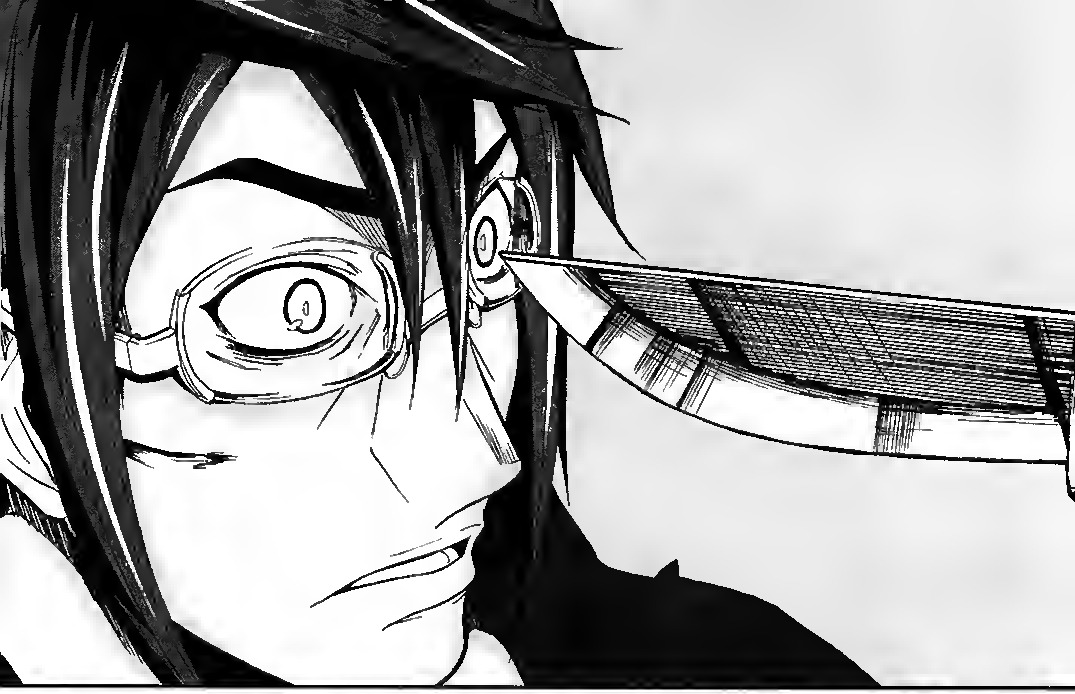
Shit...


I thought that they'd definitely do something suspicious
This is kinda boring, huh...

please come take them after school.
Since I have gathered all the prints,

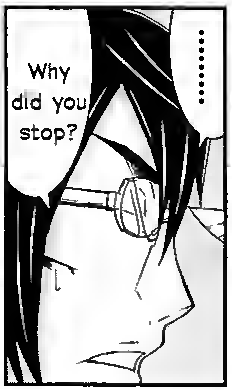

Alice.
I think that's all,





This is my win.
Right?

I have two reasons


Why did you stop?

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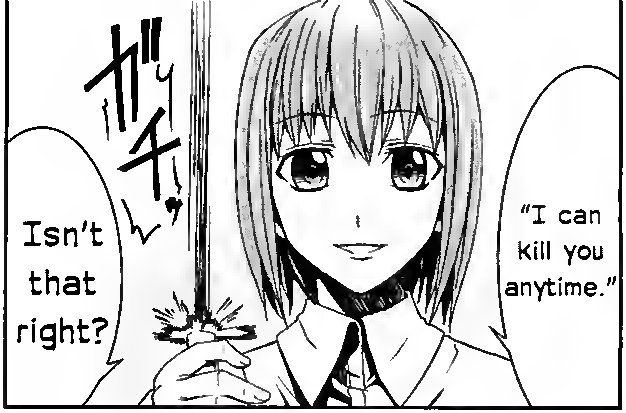
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Isn't that right?
"I can kill you anytime."

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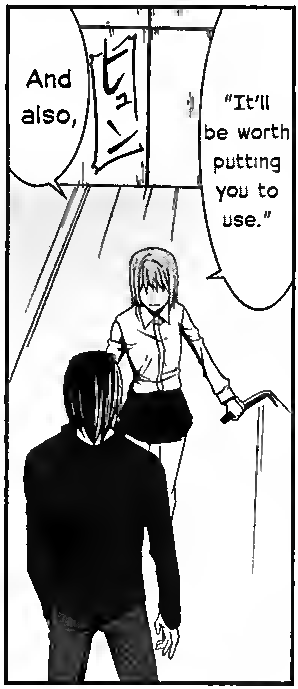
And also,
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"It'll be worth putting you to use."

...Compared to that, its structure and handling...
Next up is how to use a gun, however...
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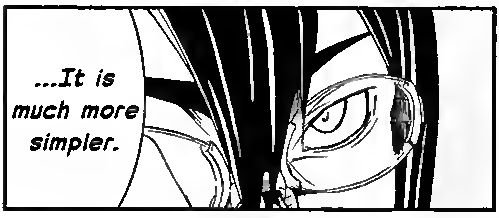
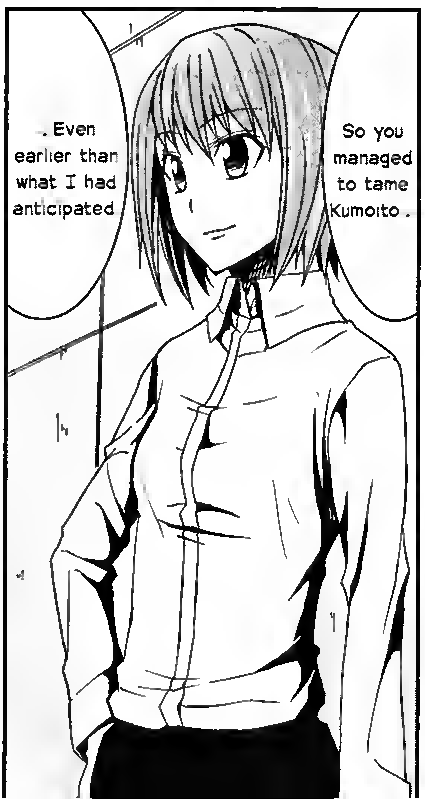

...It is much more simpler.

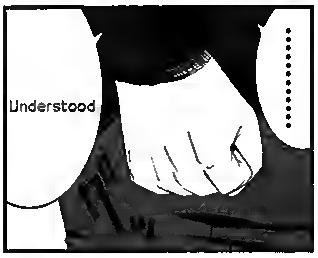

...Even earlier than what I had anticipated.
So you managed to tame Kumoito.

I managed to find this somehow.
.....
It was inside the ventilation opening.
I'm quite sure I placed it in a blind spot.
The air flow surrounding the ventilation opening was weird, so...
...The thread told me where it was.

Is that right..?
I took off the cover...
...And as I thoroughly investigated it...
Fine.
You're naturally entitled to it
Shoot.
As you say.

...As well as kidnapping me...
Killing my uncle...
...My revenge has been satisfied
And with this...
...All that's left is my gratitude to you for saving me
And now...
...I'll forget all of it.

Please tell me the plan
Whatever is needed


Understood
.....

Tomorrow midnight
Come to the abandoned factory in *Sector 4*.

I shall kill Suzume Bachi.

We will discuss the arrangements there.

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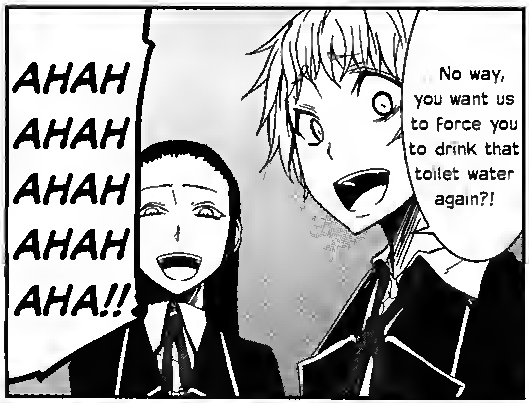
キーンコーン
How is it?
Tasty, huh! That toilet water!

..You awake?
Why're you going through this..?
Fujii Alice.
Heyyy,
AHAHA HAHAH AHAHA HAHA!!
YOU MANAGED TO SAY IT!
Not only are you such a plain girl, but apart from those crappy, slow reflexes of yours
Because you are asking for it?
Or is it really
..I'm pretty sure it'd suck to have such a mood!
...Just being alone in that class...
..A loner without any parents...
Growing up in a horrible life...

Which will it be?
Or are you going to switch schools?

Don't you wanna die?


AHAH AHAH AHAH AHAH AHA!!
No way, you want us to force you to drink that toilet water again?!

We won't let'cha go until you choose.
Or is it because you want it one more time ?

Arachnids...
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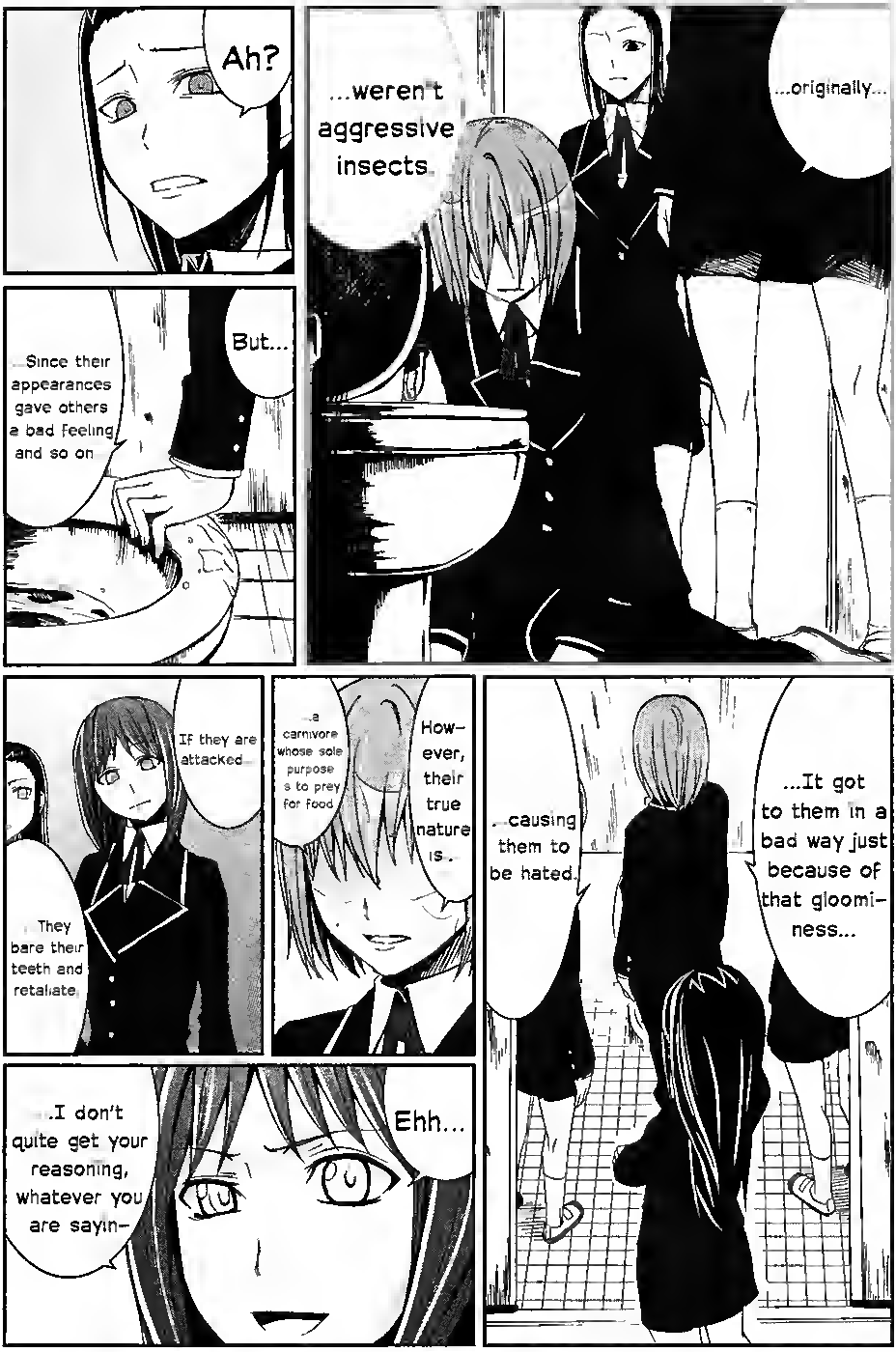
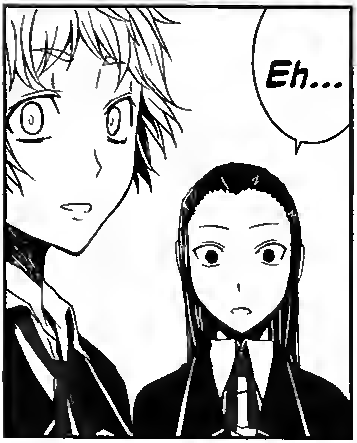

Ah?
...originally...
...weren't aggressive insects.
But...
...Since their appearances gave others a bad feeling and so on
IF they are attacked...
...They bare their teeth and retaliate.
...a carnivore whose sole purpose is to prey for food
However, their true nature is...
...causing them to be hated.
...It got to them in a bad way just because of that gloominess...
Ehh...
...I don't quite get your reasoning, whatever you are sayin-


Eh...

BWA-

Eh?!
Eh−
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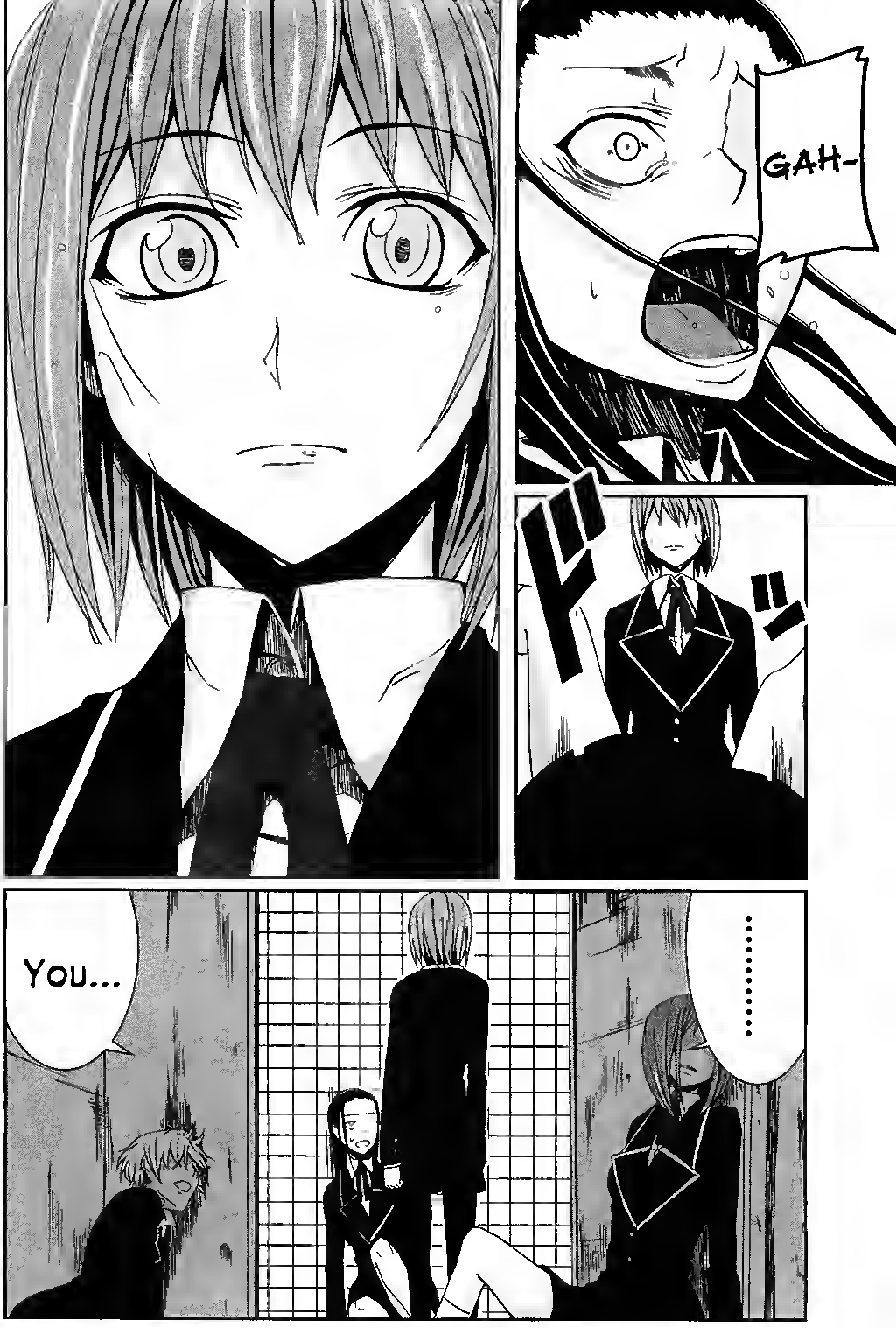
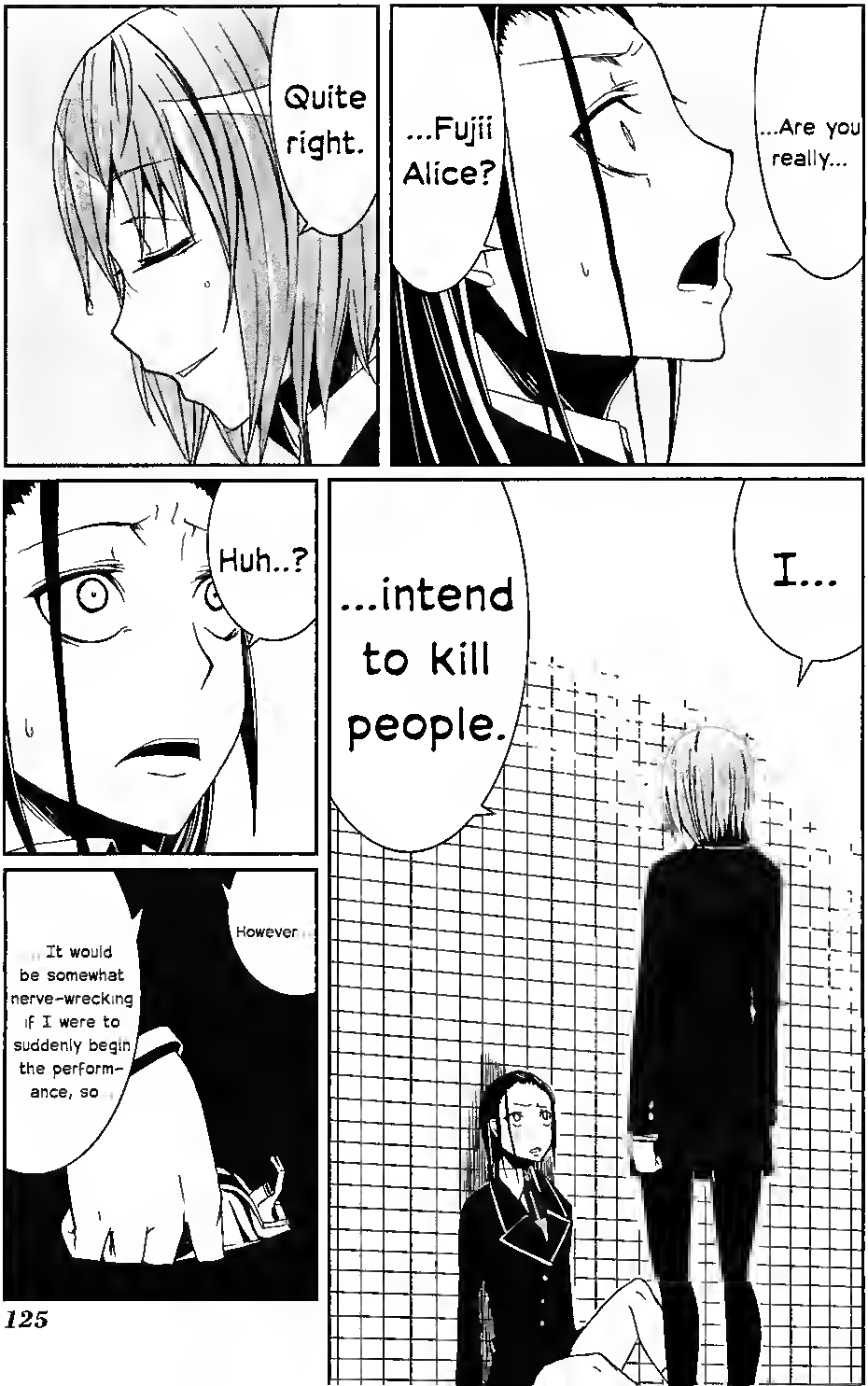
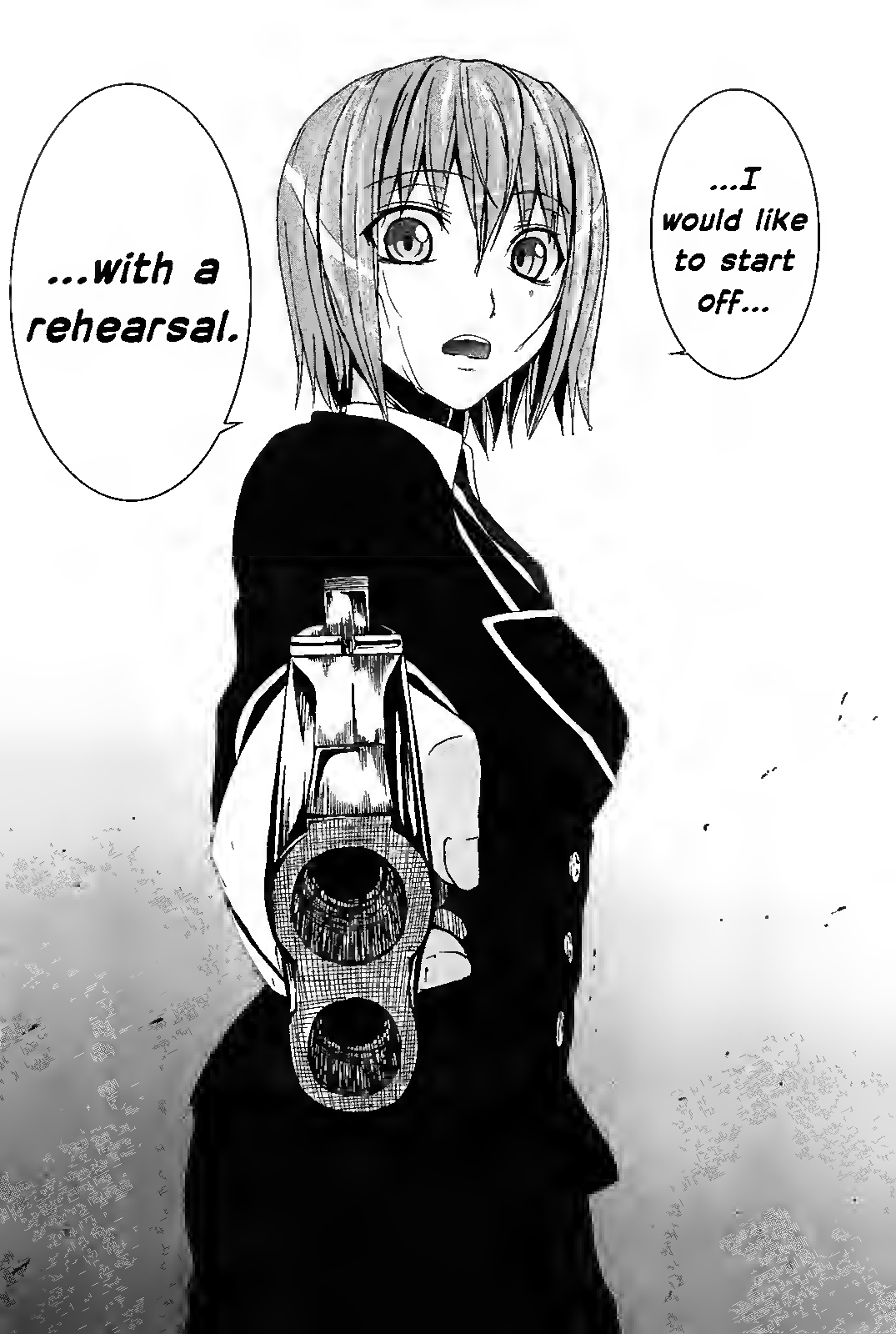

GAH-
YOU...
.....


Quite right.
...Fujii Alice?
...Are you really...
Huh..?
...intend to kill people.
I...
However...
It would be somewhat nerve-wrecking if I were to suddenly begin the perform-ance, so


...I would like to start off...
...with a rehearsal.

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ARACHNID

Chapter 4 : For Your Sake...

...I intend to kill people.
I...
What the heck...
So I'd like to have some rehearsal practice, okay?
That toy...
I-

Did you think that it would be okay...
...to bring that to school...?
Well say...
...While I was crying and begging for my life and so on...
...Decisions would sway in my mind...
...Disrupting my concentration, and somehow...
...You want to know how I did it, right?
W-

What are you saying..? Stop it already...
Save me..!
There isn't...
..anything special in particular, is there..?
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ドクン
Pity and thoughts of regret...
..These are just within the scope of one's imagination
But how this performance will turn out, I have no idea.
Since after all...

EEK..!
...I have no choice but to kill.
カチン
Sayonara.
Thanks for your cooperation.
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パラ
I'm quite sure I aimed, but...
How weird.
Huh?
……

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ガバッ
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GAH!
G-
EEK..!

ドンドンドン
.....
EEEEK!!
AH!!
AH!!
AH!!
What is...
this...
ドン
It hurts...
...I can't breathe...

In the arachnid family—
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...
However
...you can probably see some species that live lifestyles without the need to rely on their threads.

...They don't exist.

...Arachnids that can live without relying on the use of their threads...

They also have a mark that indicates to them where they are, and exactly how far of a distance they are heading.

..This is the only lifeline that protects them while they head downwards.

..walks on a thread called ***Shiori-ito,*** or a sort of guideline thread, however.

..Every arachnid ultimately

Although they are terrifying hunters...

Arachnids hunt for their prey with these marvellous abilities of theirs.

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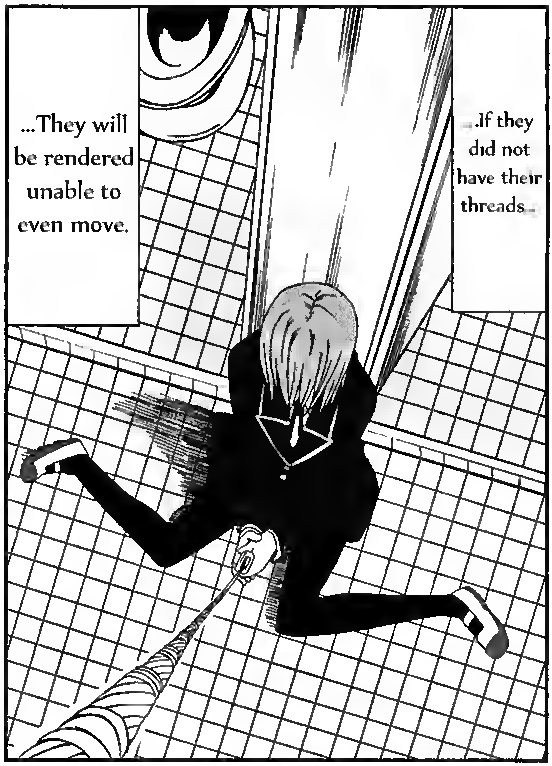
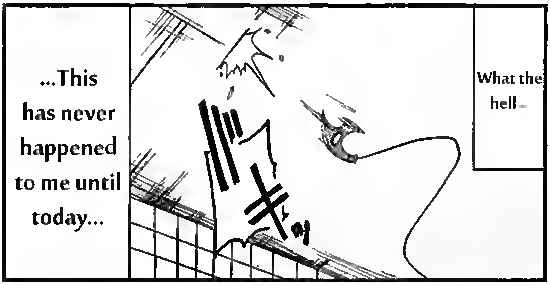

...If they did not have their threads...
...They will be rendered unable to even move.


...This has never happened to me until today...
What the hell...

...mostly calm down already...
I've managed to...

...But...
...a random attack from this Excess Hereditary Concentration or something like that...

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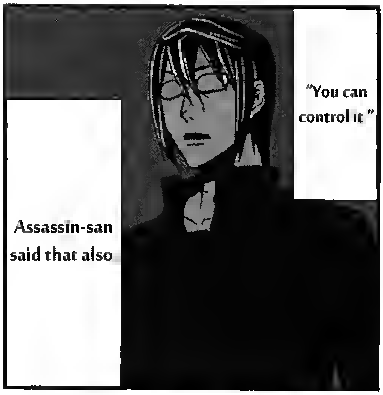
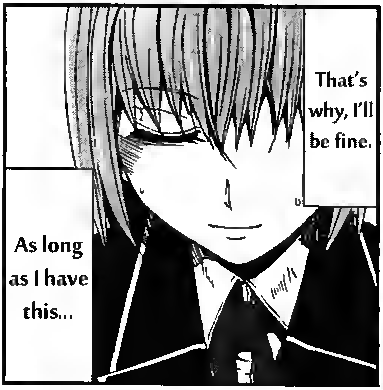
...Or could it really be...


"You can control it."
Assassin-san said that also


That's why, I'll be fine.
As long as I have this...

...I'll be fine.
...If I have Kumoito with me...

...I'll be fine...

She's late, ain't she?
I'm very sorry!!
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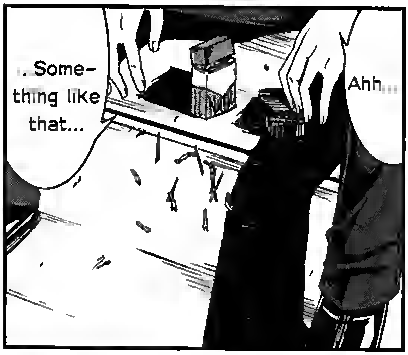
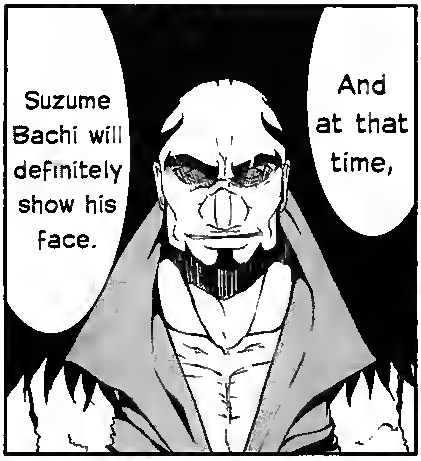
Huh?
Cigarettes?

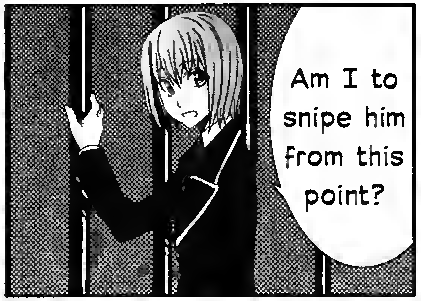
...carried away with something...
I got a little...


...Something like that...
Ahh...

...saying that you would quit already?
Didn't I recall you...

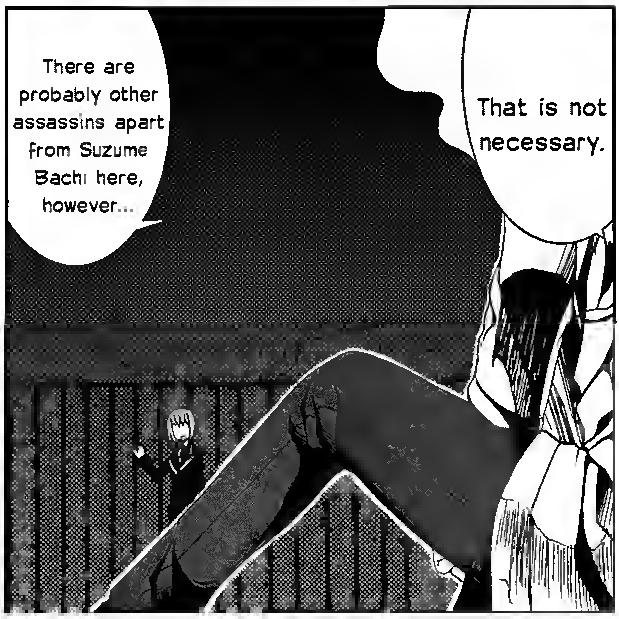
.....


Suzume Bachi will definitely show his face.
And at that time,


Am I to snipe him from this point?

...they use the courtyard here.
When The Organization sells family registers to foreigners...

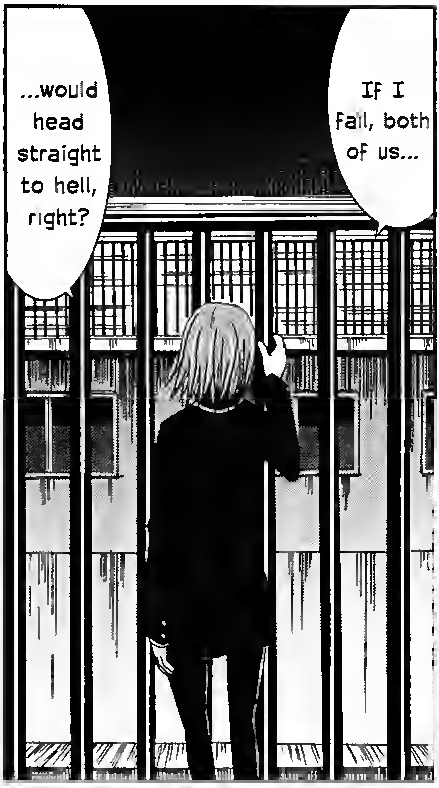
Even though there are quite a few, there are only four total


There are probably other assassins apart from Suzume Bachi here, however...
That is not necessary.

...are already two of them.
And you and I...

...If I do it well...
But...

Ahh...


...would head straight to hell, right?
If I fail, both of us...

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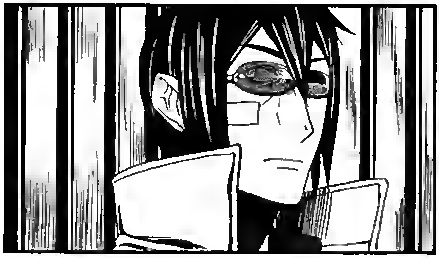
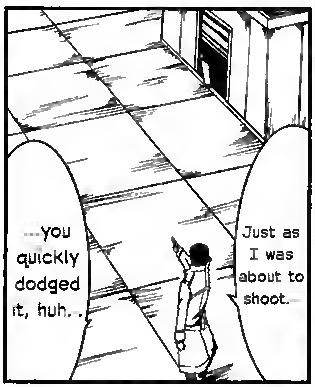
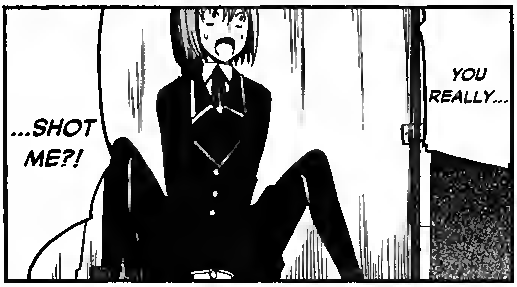



...you quickly dodged it, huh...
Just as I was about to shoot...


...SHOT ME?!
YOU REALLY...

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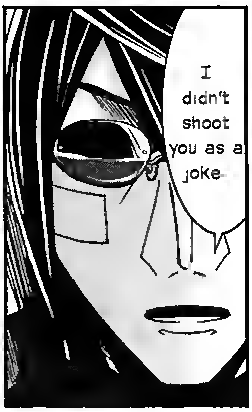
HAA...

...You've become way too strong.
Alice...


I didn't shoot you as a joke.

D-
An assassin with further increasing skill better than I...
...It would be dangerous if you were allowed to live...
DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'D DO IT FOR THAT?!
FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING SUZUME BACHI!!
You...
...have become way too strong...
W-
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?!
I...

...am really doing it...
...for your sake...

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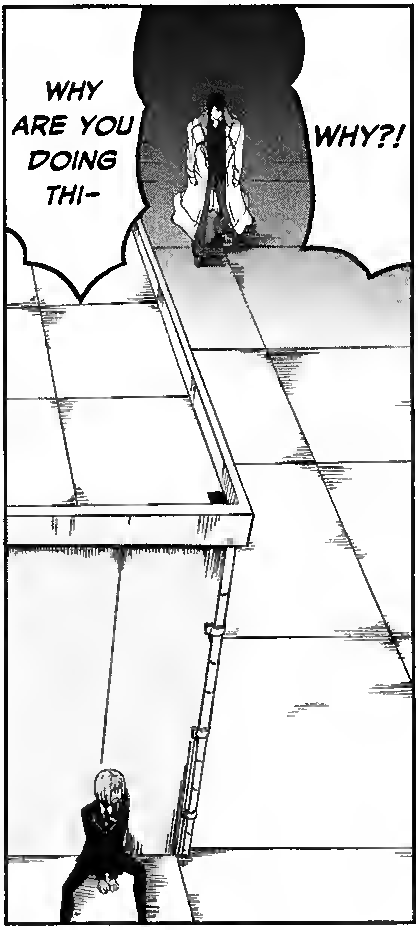
ARACHNID

ASSASSIN-SAN!!
PLEASE STOP!

You have become far too strong
I told you.


WHY ARE YOU DOING THI-
WHY?!

THAT...
T-
I...

Chapter 5 : Protecting You With All My Might

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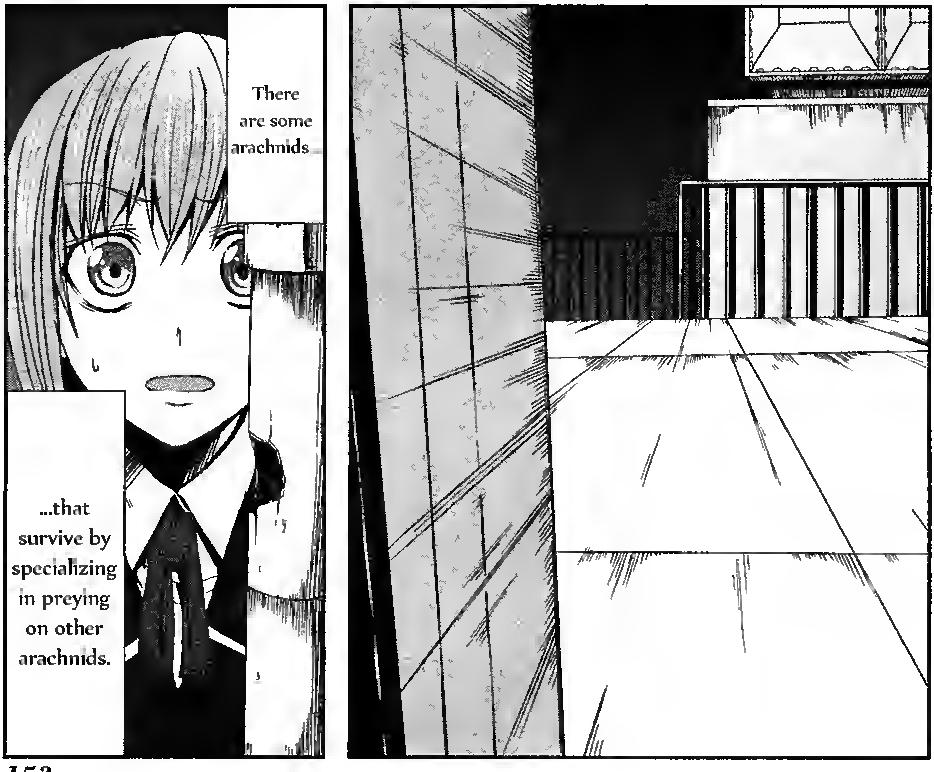
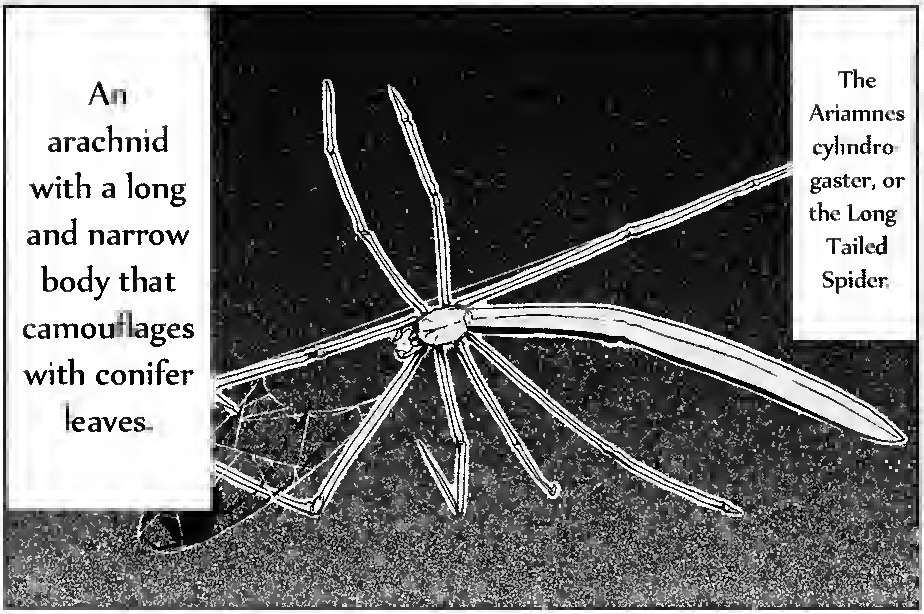
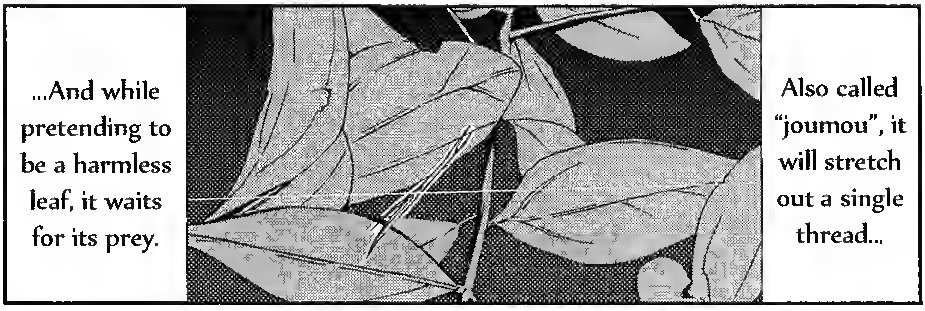
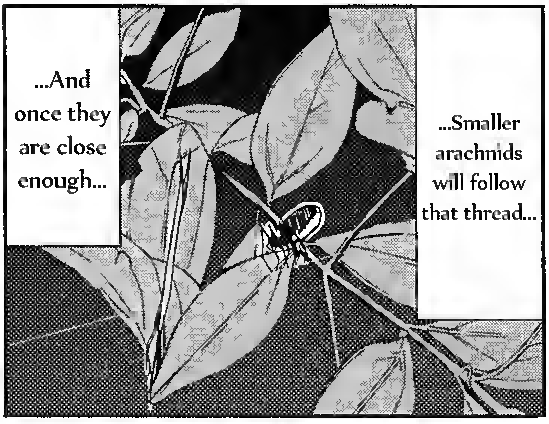
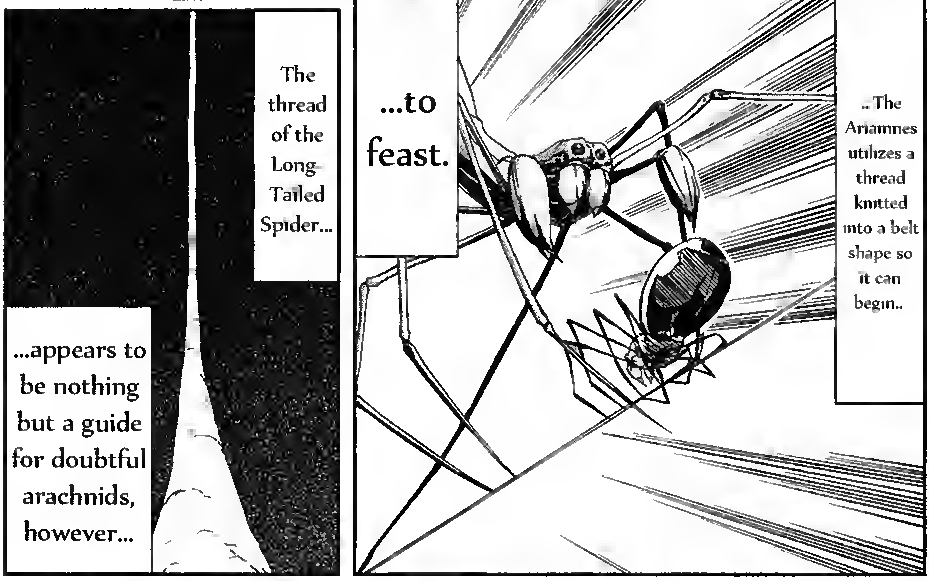

There are some arachnids
...that survive by specializing in preying on other arachnids.


An arachnid with a long and narrow body that camouflages with conifer leaves.
The Ariamnes cylindrogaster, or the Long Tailed Spider

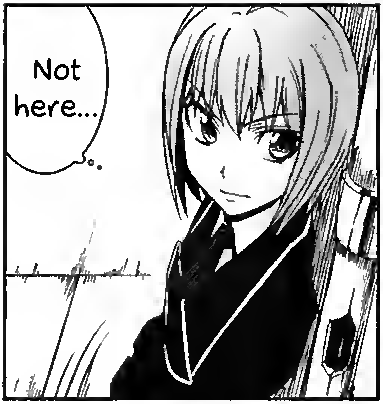

...And while pretending to be a harmless leaf, it waits for its prey.
Also called "joumou", it will stretch out a single thread...

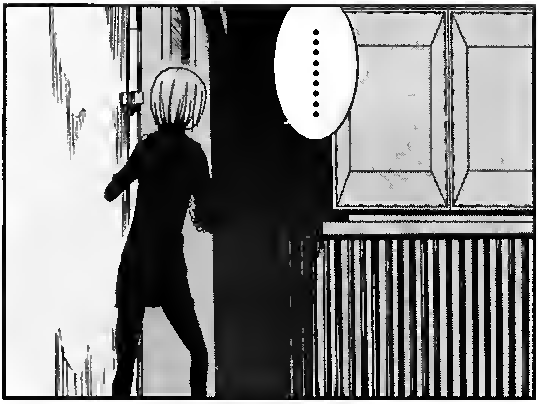

...And once they are close enough...
...Smaller arachnids will follow that thread...

And so...


The thread of the Long-Tailed Spider...
...appears to be nothing but a guide for doubtful arachnids, however...
...to feast.
..The Arianmes utilizes a thread knitted into a belt shape so it can begin..

It is simply a straight pathway leading to one's demise.
...It is just a trap.


Not here...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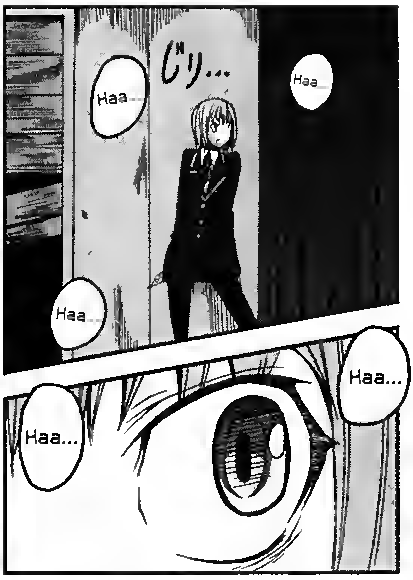
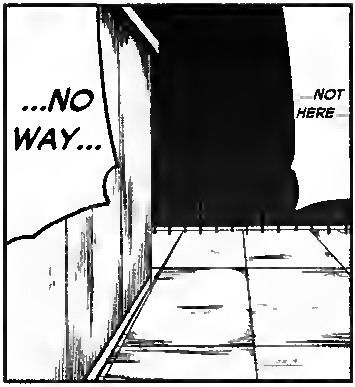
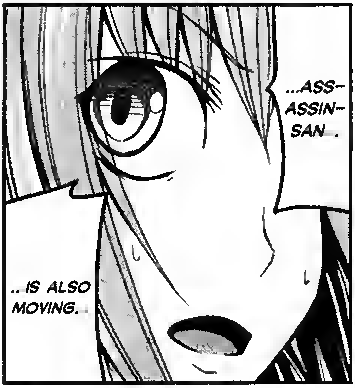
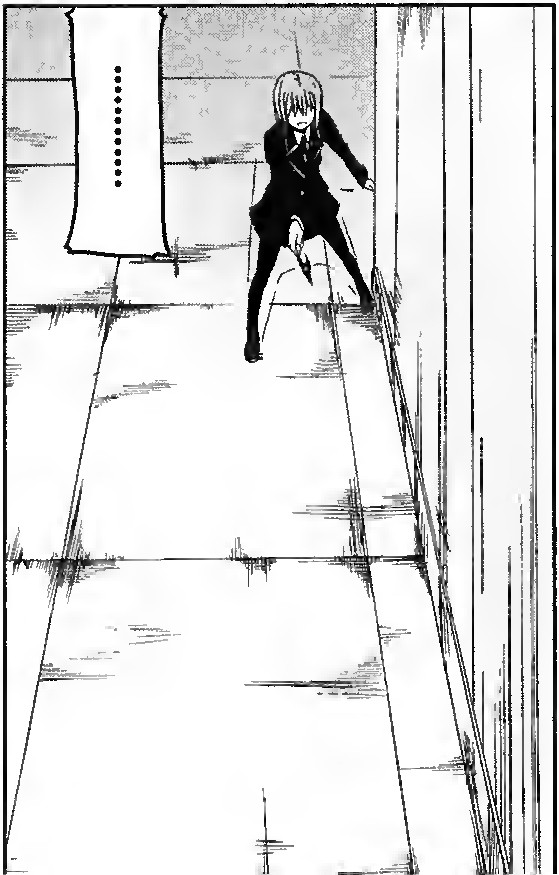
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...
..He isn't here..
The only place left...
He's on the other side...
...of that wall...


Haa...
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...


...NO WAY...
...NOT HERE


...ASS-ASSIN-SAN...
..IS ALSO MOVING...



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HE REALLY IS...
...DEAD SERIOUS!
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Scary...
...this massive pressure!
What's with...
...Could it be...
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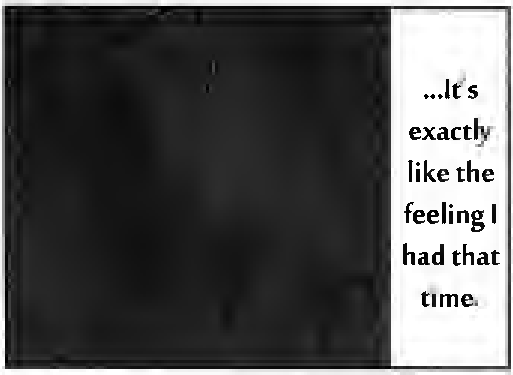
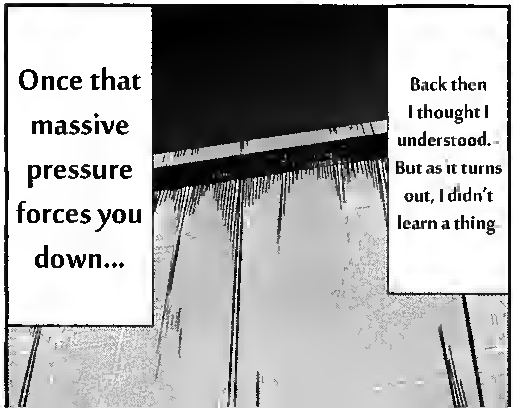
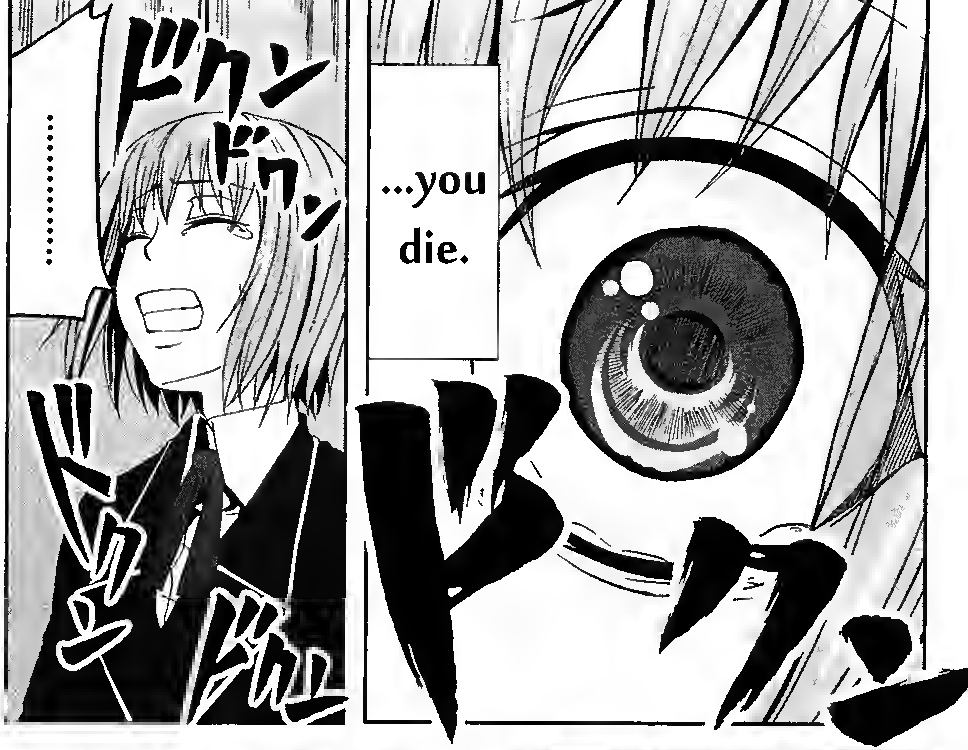
...a duel to the death?!


...It's exactly like the feeling I had that time.


Once that massive pressure forces you down...
Back then I thought I understood. But as it turns out, I didn't learn a thing.

—This is the harsh pressure one feels when involved with death—
This is a match with one's life at stake...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……
…you die.
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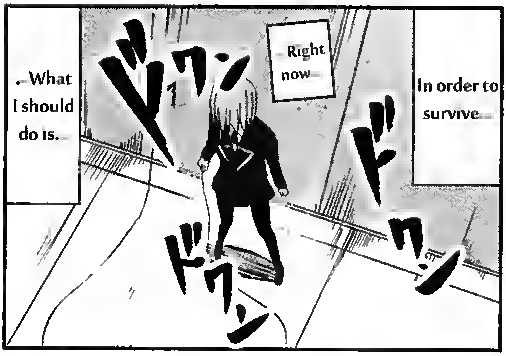
…What I should do is…
Right now…
In order to survive…
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…Concentrate.
This getting forced in thing…
I don't want to die…
Think!
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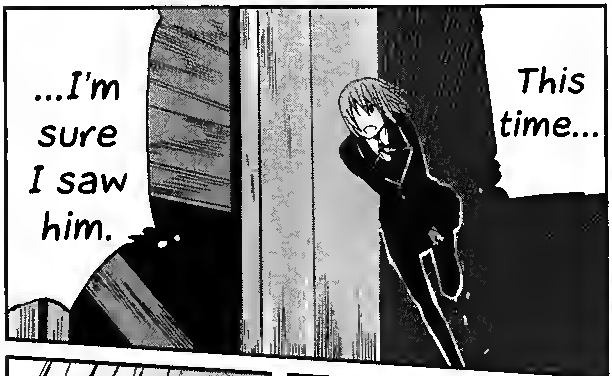
……
…Before I die…

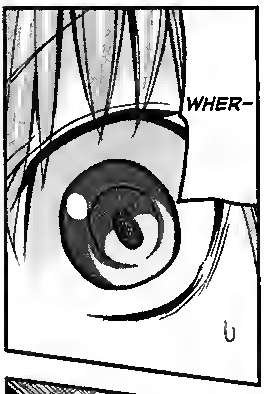
...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT KILL.

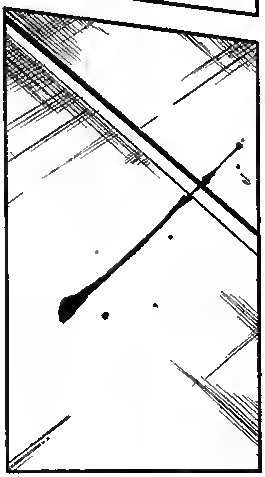

...I'm sure I saw him...
This time...

...is he hiding?!

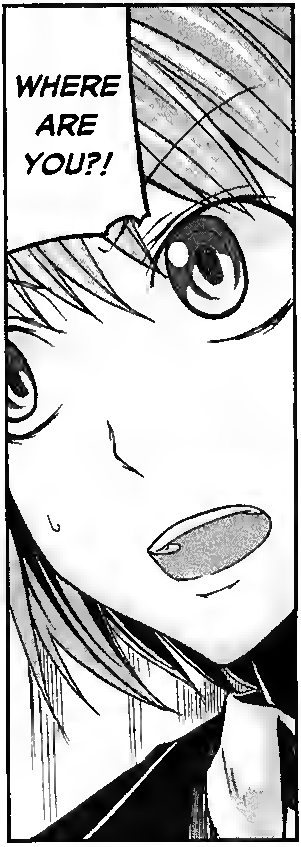
This wall...
...Just where...

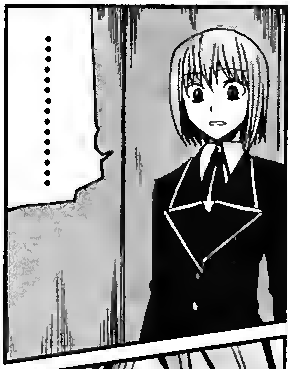
H-
HE'S NOT HERE..?!

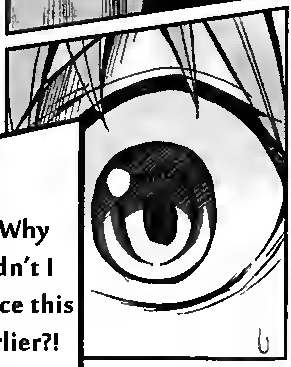

WHER-



...SO JUST WHERE THE HEL-
I'M SURE THERE ISN'T ANYWHERE ELSE FOR YOU TO HIDE, NOR ANY TIME ANYWAY...

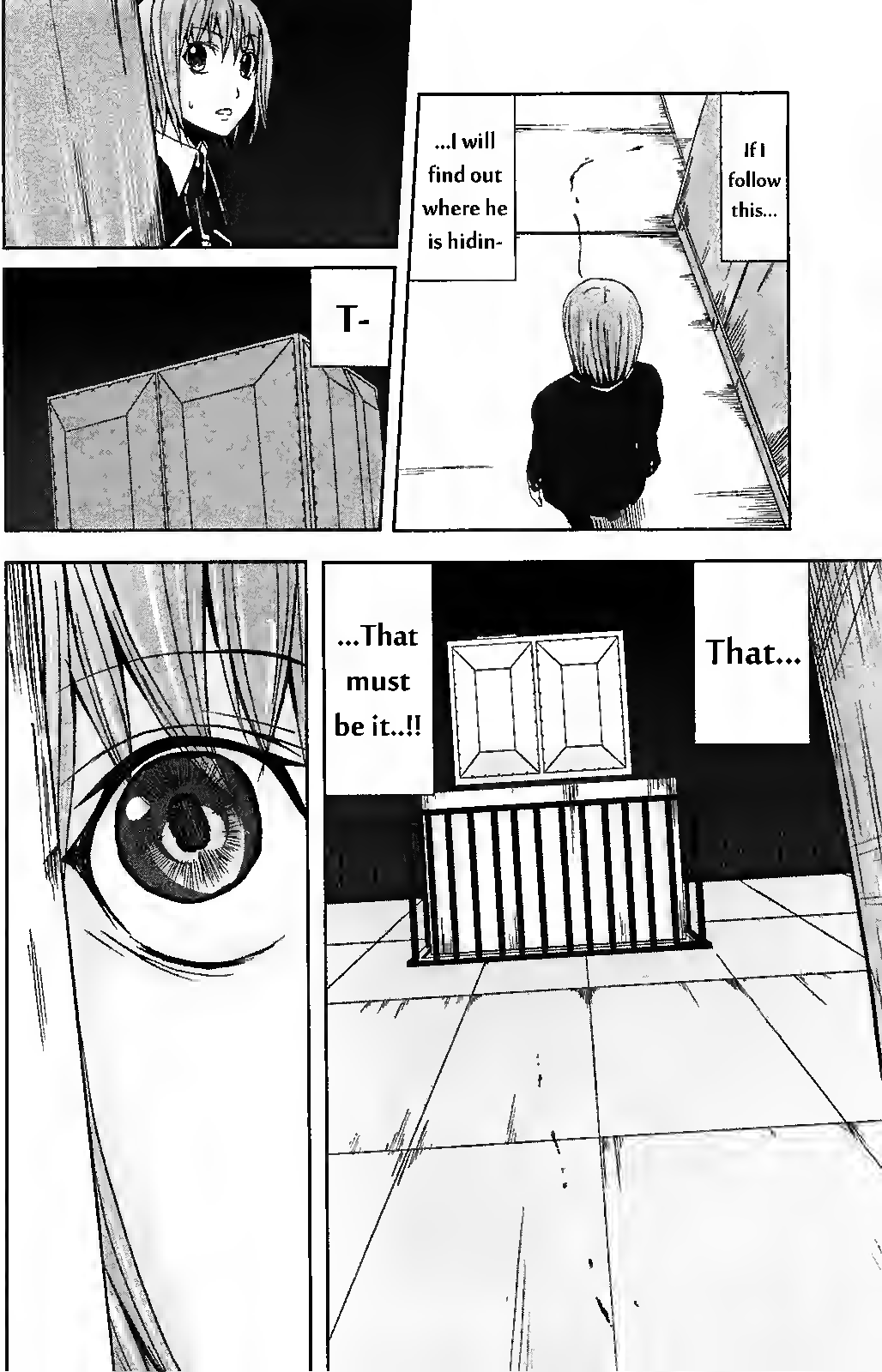

WHERE ARE YOU?!





...Why didn't I notice this earlier?!

...It's from before...


If I follow this...
...I will find out where he is hidin-
T-
That...
...That must be it..!!

Ha-
Haha...
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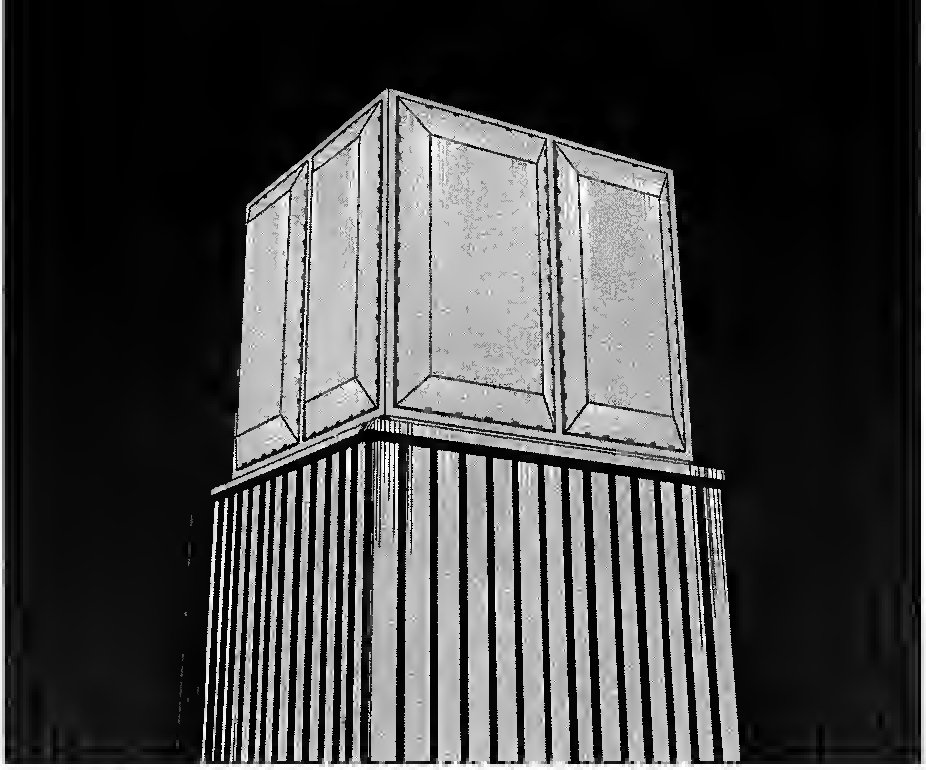

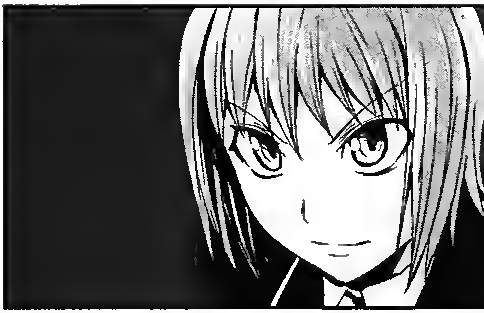

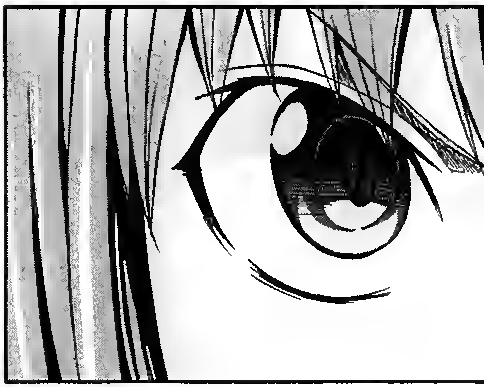

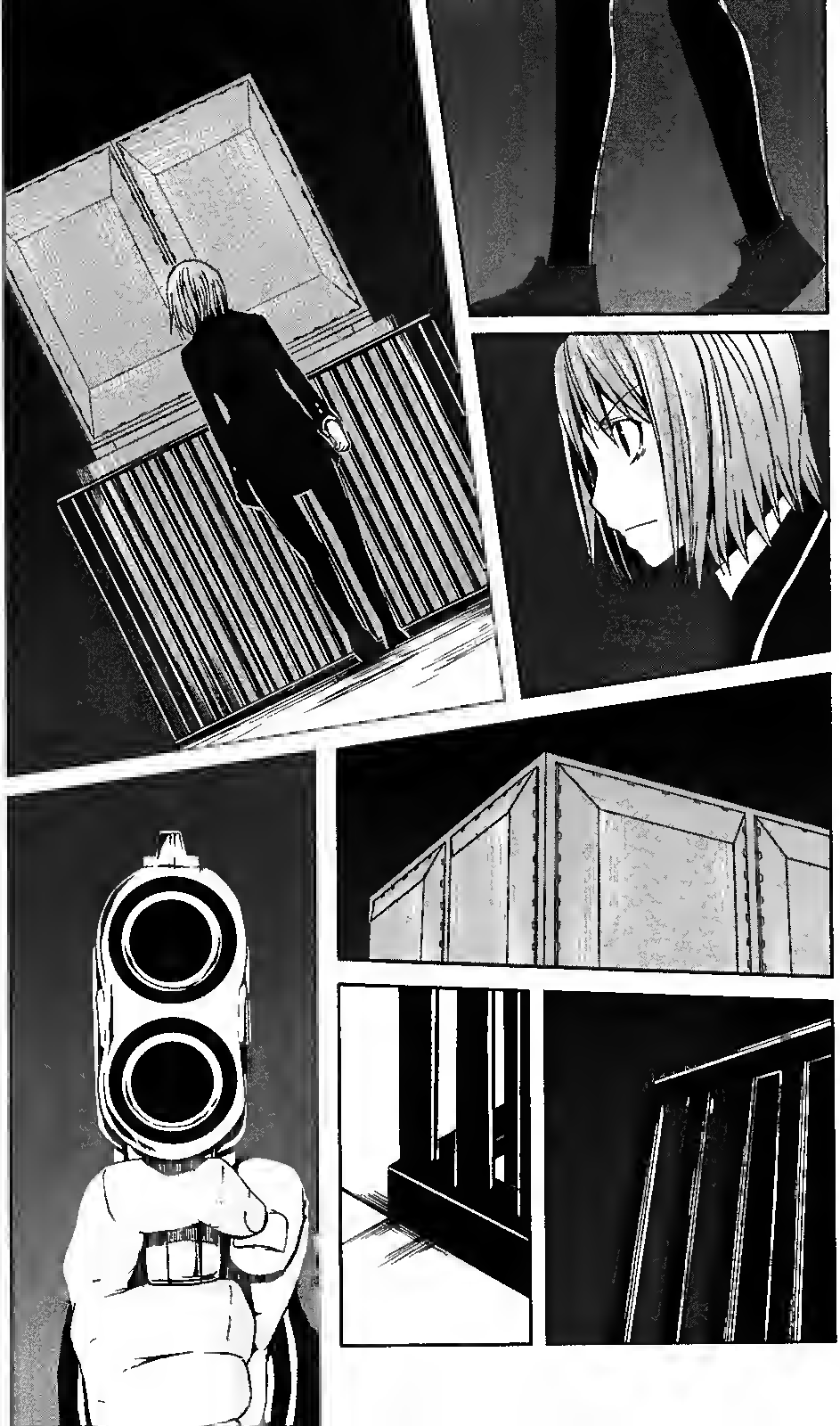

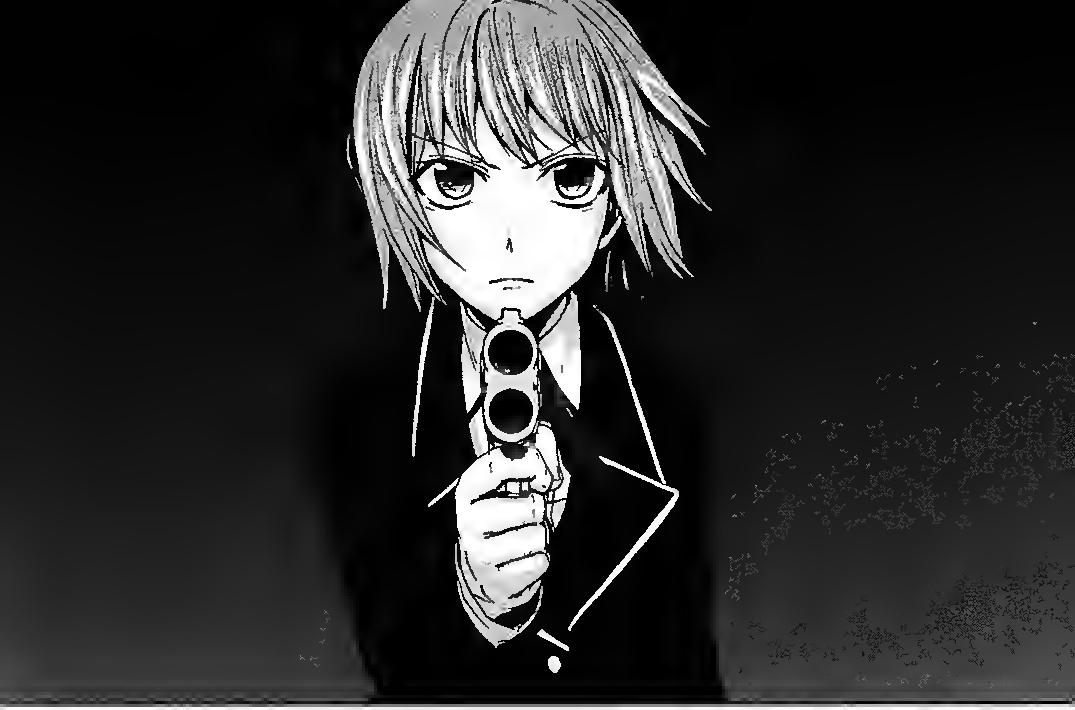

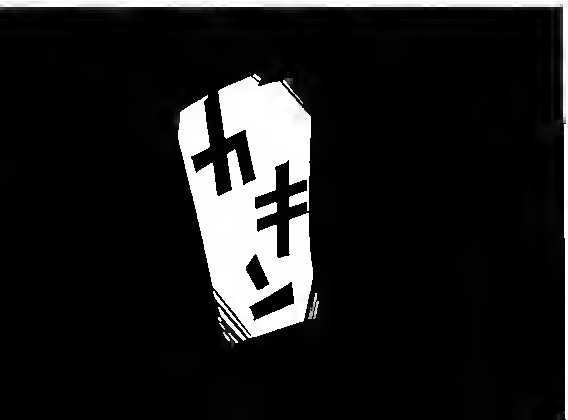
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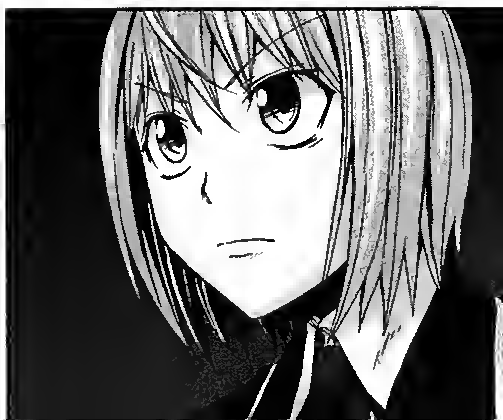
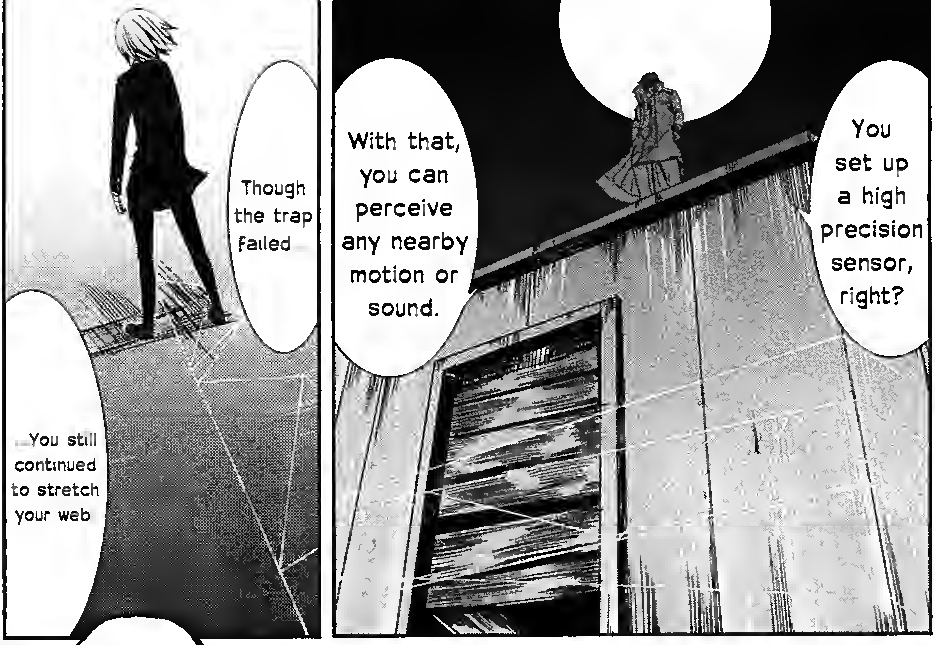


...You even laid out a network of threads...
Even though you misread the location of your opponent...


You set up a high precision sensor, right?
With that, you can perceive any nearby motion or sound.
Though the trap failed
You still continued to stretch your web

TL Note: Kumo here reads his name as "Arachnid" instead of "Kumo" to show that being an arachnid is not limited to just him.

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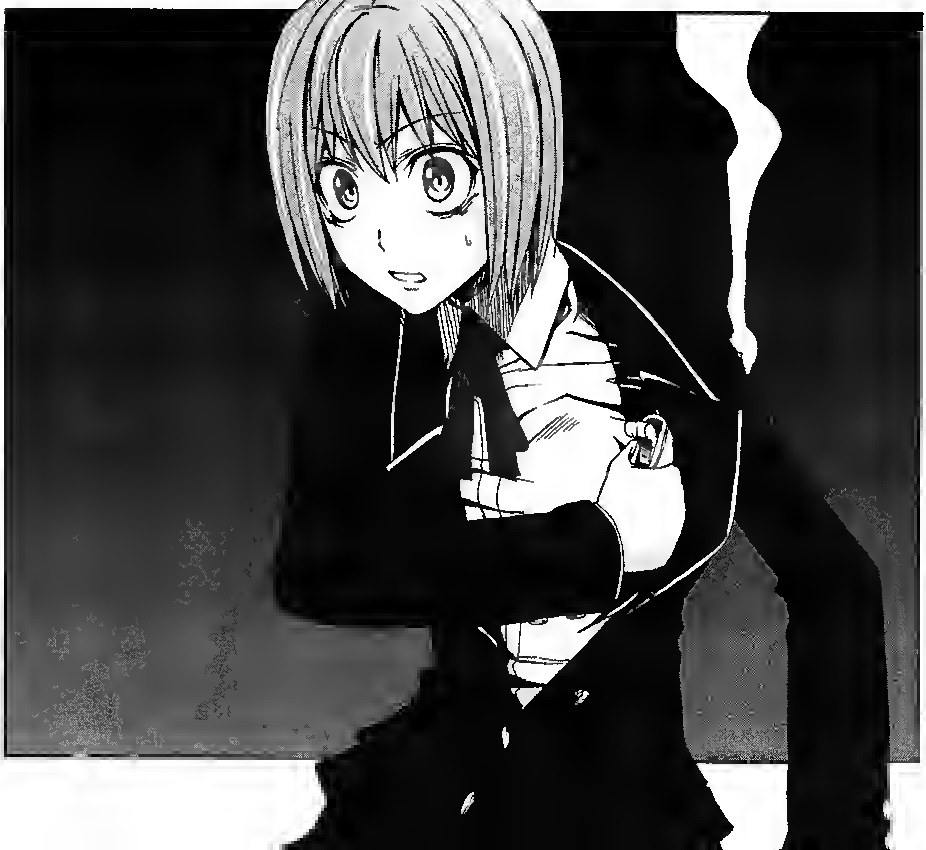

ASS-
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SAN..!
UGH...
U-
!
Haa...
Haa
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ASSIN-
SAN!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!
ASSASSIN-
SAN!!
ASS-
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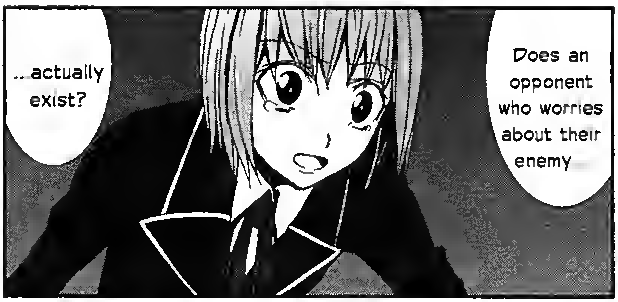
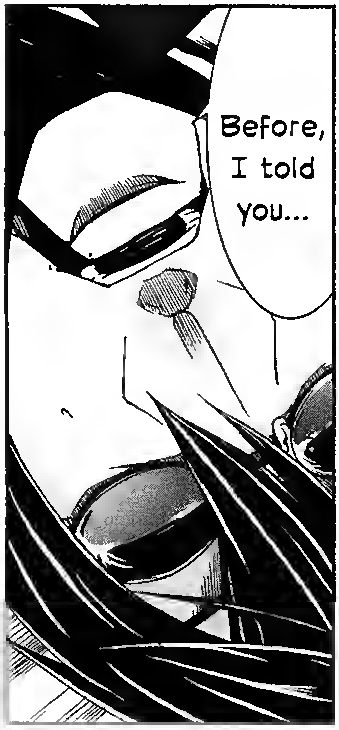
SAN!

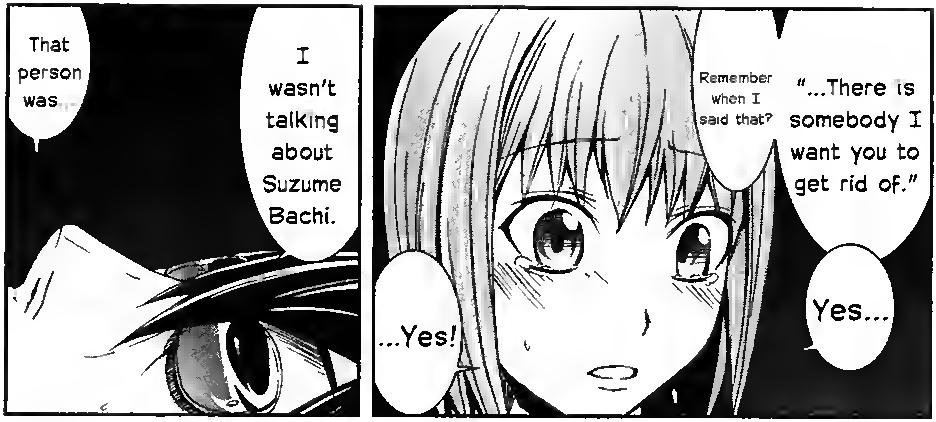

...actually exist?
Does an opponent who worries about their enemy

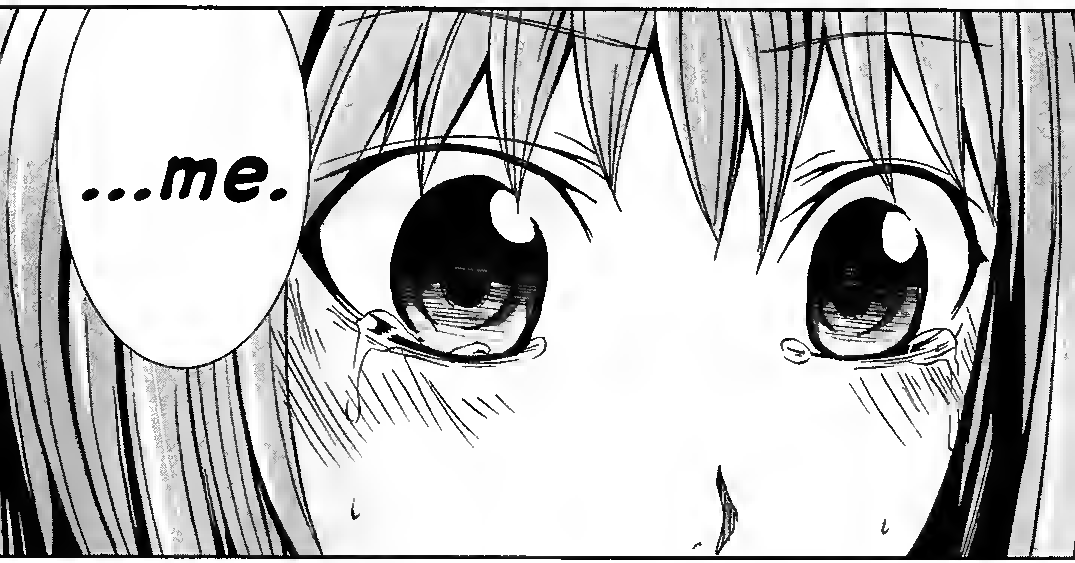
We are in a war.

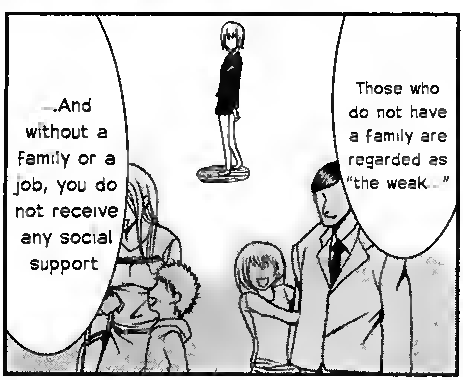
.....

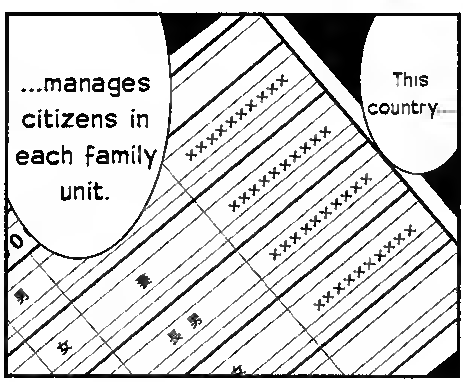

Before, I told you...

Why... This...
Why..?


That person was...
I wasn't talking about Suzume Bachi.
Remember when I said that?
"...There is somebody I want you to get rid of."
...Yes!
Yes...

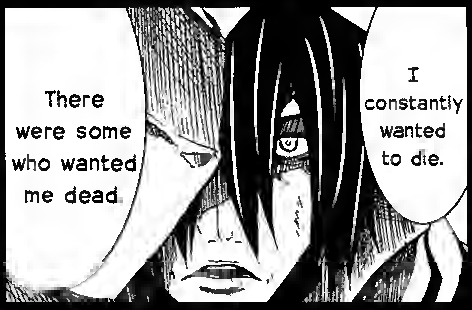

...me.


...And without a family or a job, you do not receive any social support
Those who do not have a family are regarded as "the weak..."


...manages citizens in each family unit.
This country...

...I spent my life living as trash.
Swallowing this corrupted society...

You're discriminated against for no reason.


There were some who wanted me dead.
I constantly wanted to die.

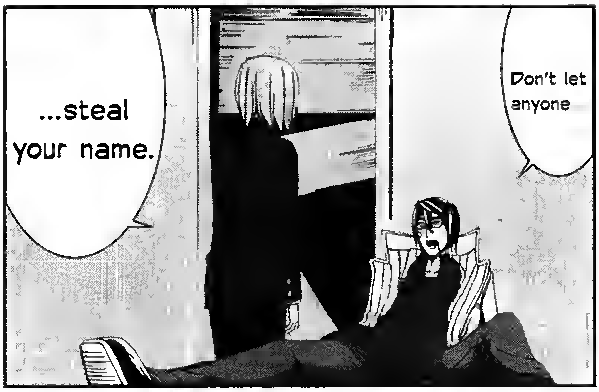
.....

...There just wasn't anyone who could take me on
However, among all the other trash like me...

You can.
However, you are different

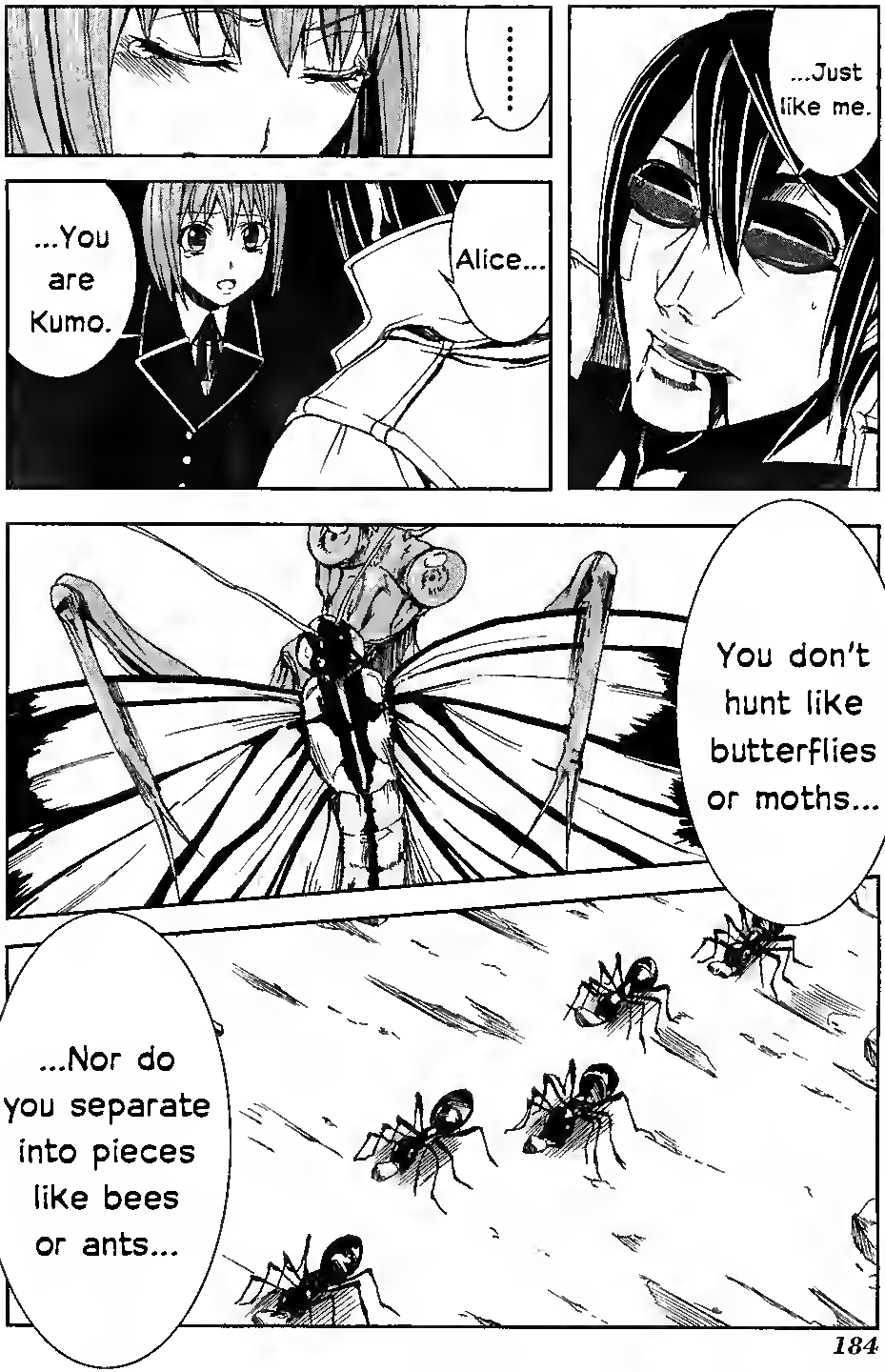
……
If you died...

...That would be the best.
If I let you kill me...


...steal your name.
Don't let anyone

...How could I keep living..?
I...

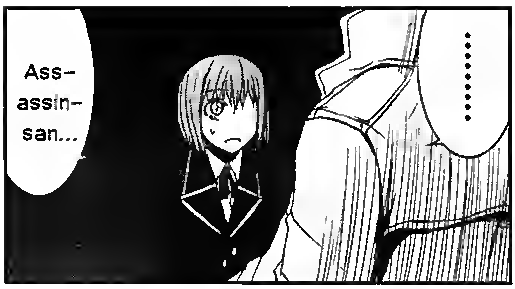
...becoming someone else's tool.
If a name is stolen, they themselves disappear...


.....
...Just like me.
...You are Kumo.
Alice...
You don't hunt like butterflies or moths...
...Nor do you separate into pieces like bees or ants...

Live on as Kumo.
With its own strength, it captures everyone.

You are strong.
It's okay.
What should I do..?

...I'm not strong at all...
I... I can't do it...


Ass-assin-san...
.....

You're an energetic young girl.
I raised you.

...I'm not a young girl...
...I...

Alice...

...Sorry.
Yeah, huh? You're quite right...

YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE!
AH-
That being...
...said...
STAY STILL!

...Shoot me.
I-
I can't do it...
It's a fatal wound.
I'll die like this anyway.
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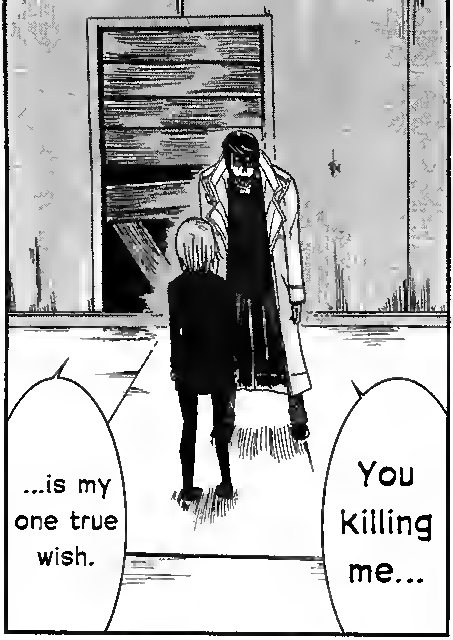
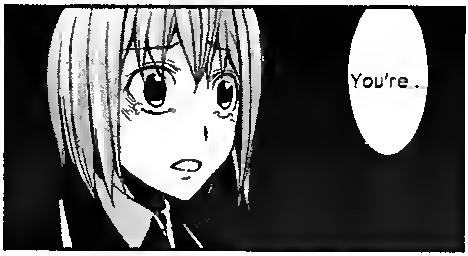

You killing me...
...is my one true wish.


You're..

...just saying that...

I beg you...

.....

I...
...I'm not as nice as you had thought...
...Father...
.....!
Farewell

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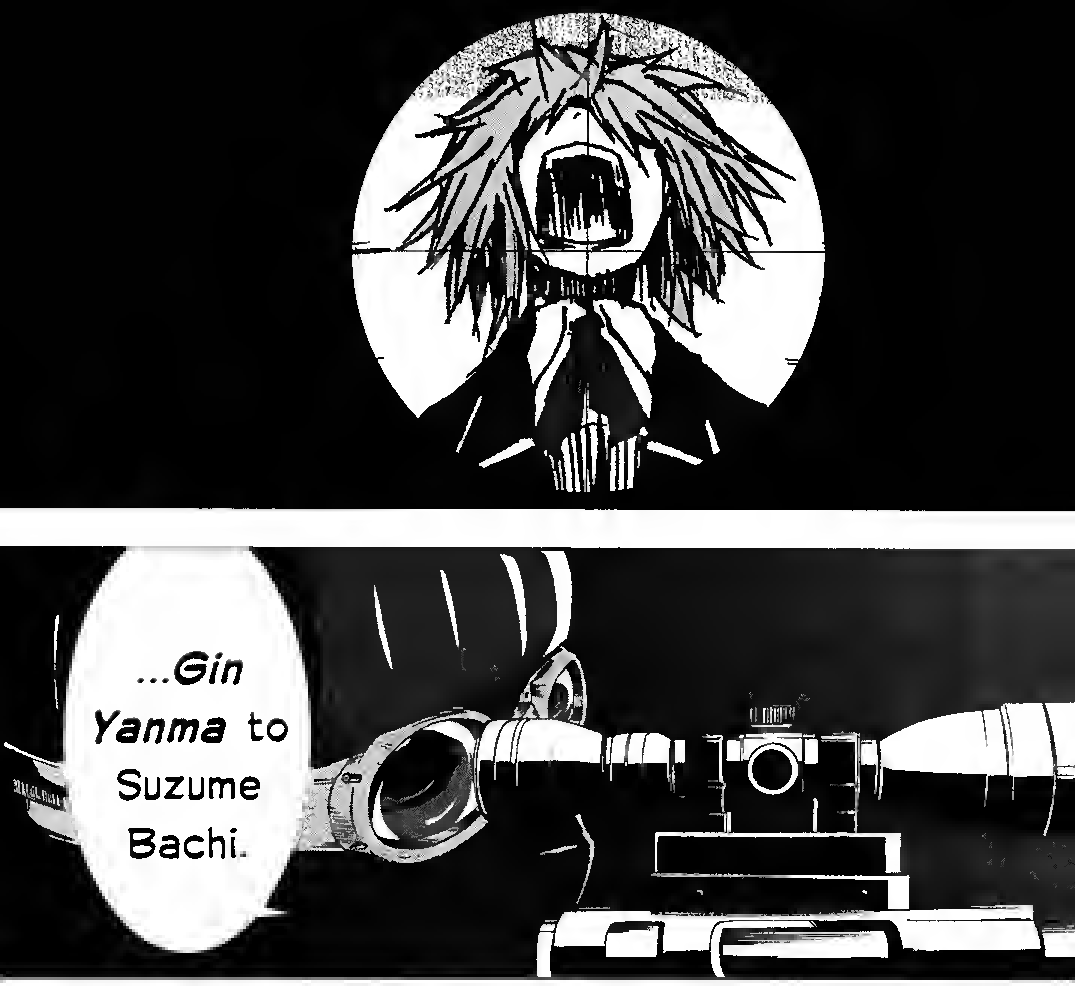
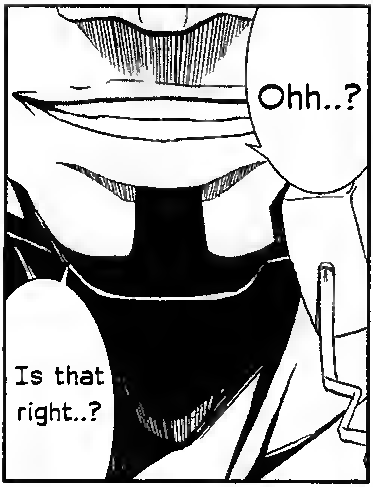
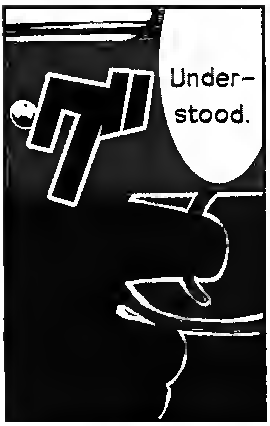

...Gin Yanma to Suzume Bachi.

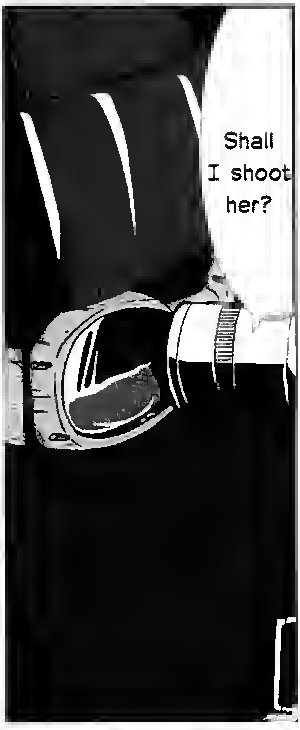

Ohh..?
Is that right..?

The killer was Fuji Alice.
Kumo has died.

...It's just as the boss predicted, huh?
In the end...


Under-stood.

...Kill her.
Ahh...

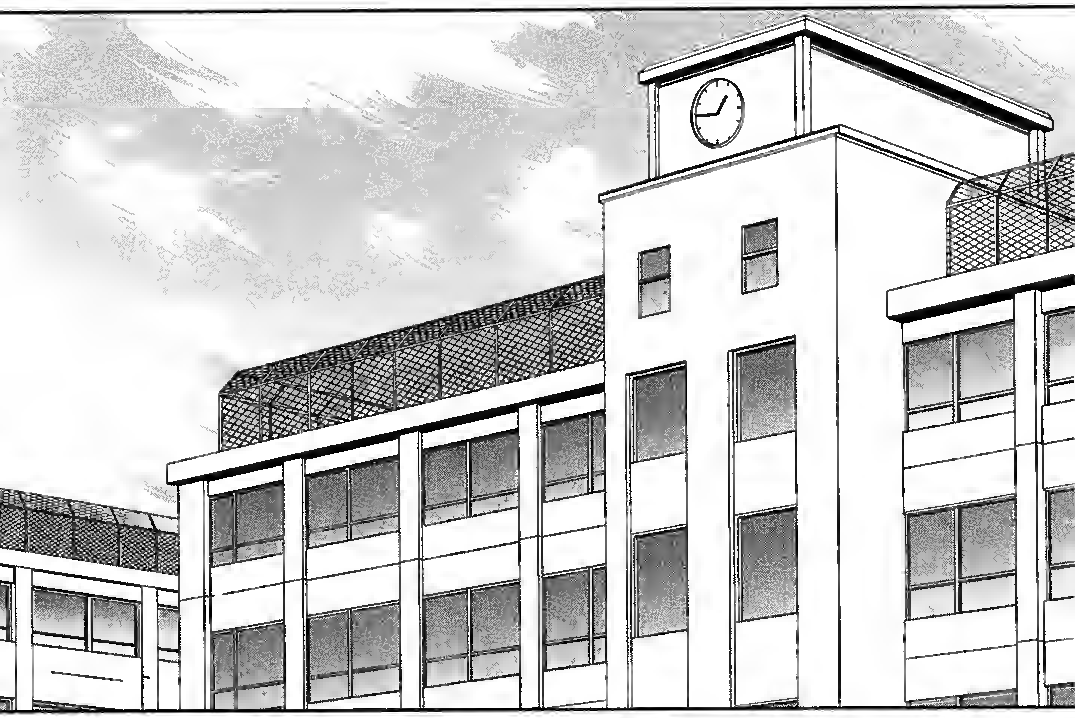

Shall I shoot her?

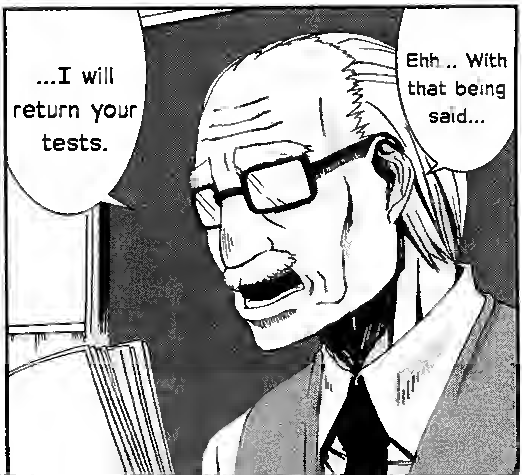
...Wait.
Actually...

As this young girl is the new Kumo...
...It seems she is to join our group.
Don't kill her.
I received a new command.
It would be best if I killed her now.
It's impossible for her to become part of anything like our group.
Don't be stupid.
.....
...Gin Yanma?
Are you planning to defy the boss...

I will continue observing her.

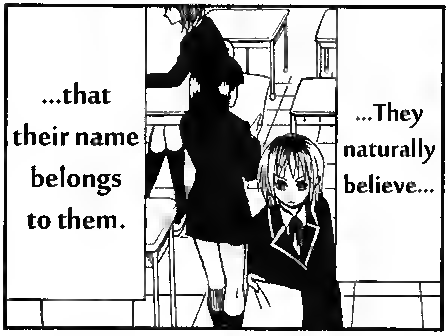
Understood.

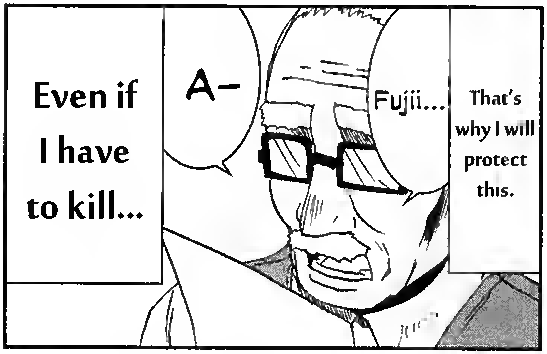




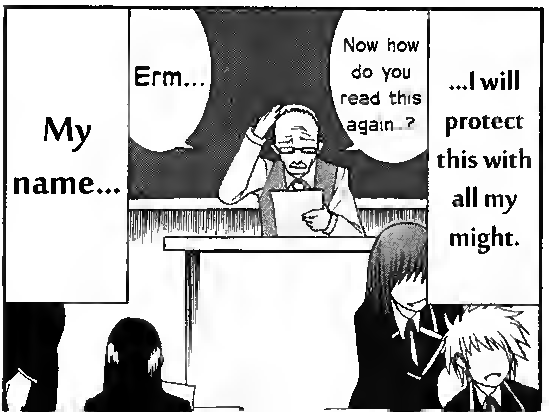
These people...

Kazama Ryouko.
Here!!
Noguchi Ken.
Here!
Nishiguchi Tae.
Here...


...that their name belongs to them.
...They naturally believe...


Even if I have to kill...
A-
Fujii...
That's why I will protect this.

...I know that my name is stolen.
However...


My name...
Erm...
Now how do you read this again...?
...I will protect this with all my might.

It is the most important thing in the world, so...
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...is what these people have left for me.
Fujii Alice.
...Alice.

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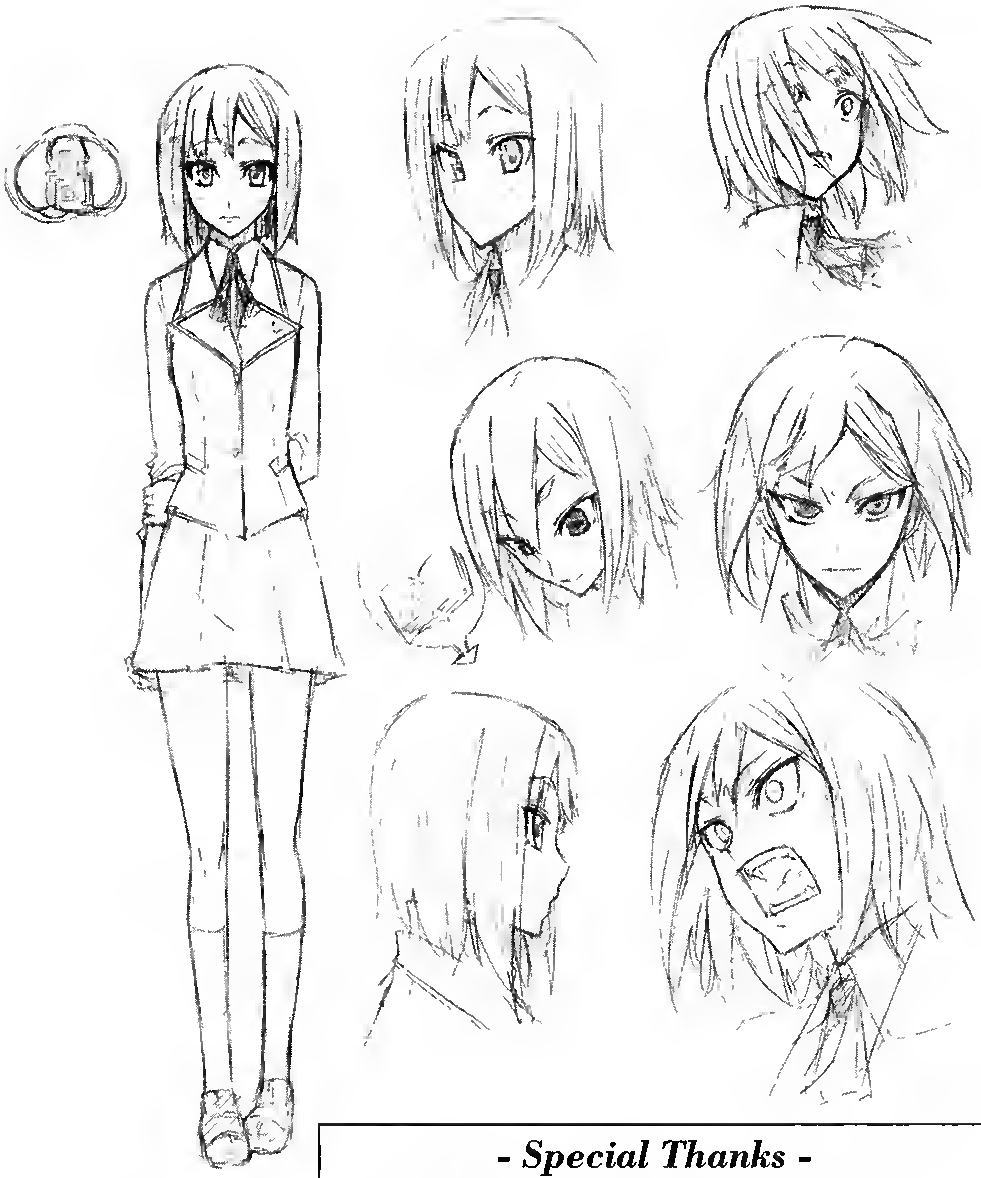

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この方々の助力が無ければこの本はおろか連載すら出来ていません。
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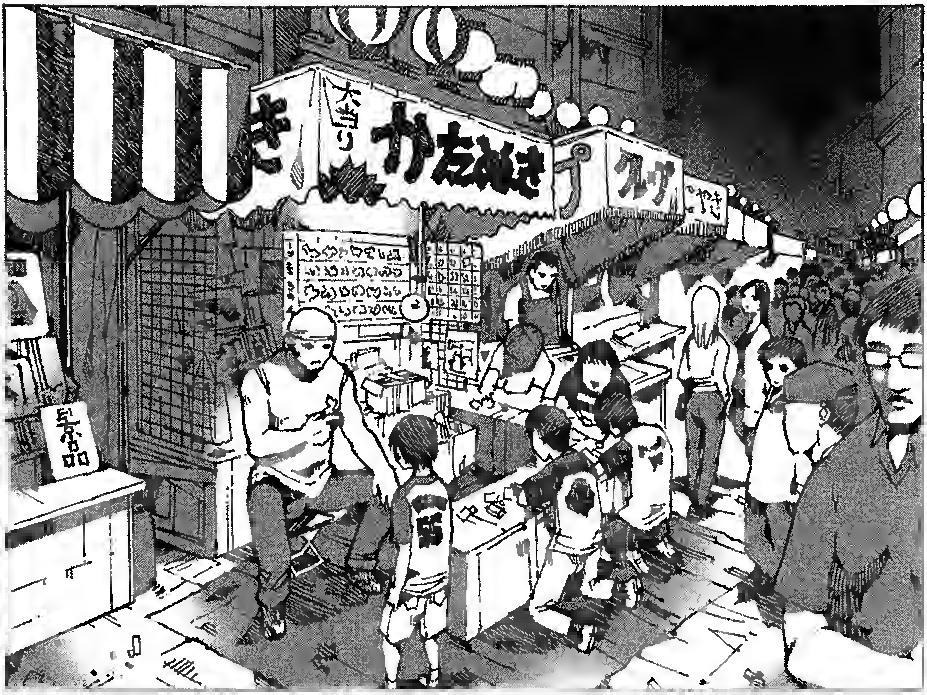
ありがとうございます！

Fujii Alice, Five Years Old. Temple Festival.



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Take it and go.
Is that fine?
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ドン
E-Eh? Well...
.....
What the hell are you doing?
Your job is to chase away any brat that makes any mistake, no matter how good it's done.
ドン
ドドドドン
Oi.
Isn't that the best prize we have?
...You'd think kids would only do one or two, right?
Usually...
Huh?

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In Chapter 1, Page 41, I wrote in Panel 3, "If you have anything you want to get rid of." This is actually incorrect. I locked the context at the time, so I did it to the best of my judgment. I naturally fixed it once in Chapter 2, Page 67, Panel 4. What Kumo was actually saying is in Page 181 of this chapter, which you will see shortly. I at first considered using Chapter 1, but decided that it wasn't such a big issue. But now that Kumo seems to be emphasizing it again, I will use Chapter 1 sometime later on. It's not that big of an issue, hence why I just put this note in instead of using it.

On the last page of this chapter, Alice uses 寄巣 for her name, which means having a nest. Why? I dunno. Japs don't even read it like that. Anyway.

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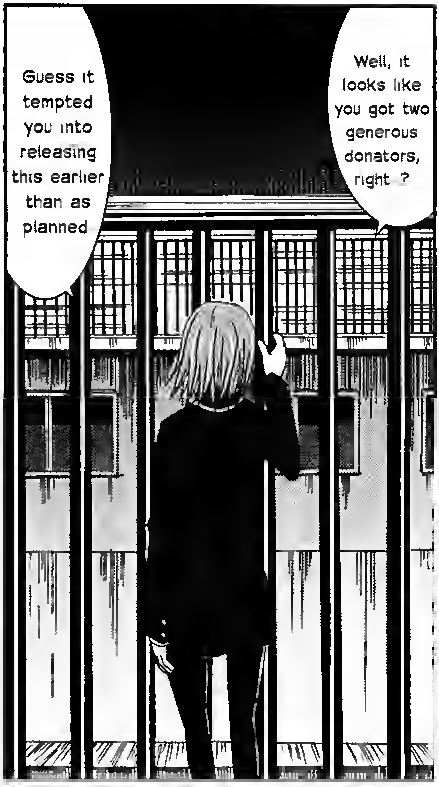

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